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SKYDIVERS GIVE A BOOST TO LATCH CHILDREN'S RESPITE



ON Sunday, June 26, a cheque for £6,000 was presented to the Emyr Owen branch of LATCH, the Welsh children's cancer charity.

Many fundraising events took place to raise funds, including a skydive by Zowie Smith, Julie David, Helen Downes, Paul Downes Jr, and Sophie Hemsley – to buy a caravan at Trecco Bay to provide respite for children and their families.

The presentation took place at The

Swan Inn, Nottage Porthcawl, where food for a celebratory barbecue was donated by Davies family butchers, Sandfields, and from The Fruit Bowl, John Street, Porthcawl.

Also, sincere thanks to Lloyds Bank who matched the original amount raised.

The evening was a terrific success and Zowie and Alan Smith would like to thank all who attended for their continued support.

HAYLEY WILLIAMS

WALES BACKS 'LEAVE'

(Full story on page 4)

Local couple's four-year jail sentences for heroin dealing

A COUPLE have each been jailed for four years at Cardiff Crown Court for dealing in a class A drug, heroin.

Rhodri Hughes, 30, of Oxford Street, Pontycymer, and Loma Davies, 29, of The Square, Bridgend, each pleaded guilty to possessing heroin with intent to supply, and guilty to possessing criminal property in the form of £5,118.

In addition, Hughes admitted a charge of burglary and for that he received an extra year to run consecutively.

Judge Eleri Rees warned the pair that if they came before the court on another occasion involving class A drugs, they would face a minimum sentence of seven years.

She ordered the £5,118 be forfeited.

The court heard that in October 2011, they were each convicted of

by AJ SICLUNA

possessing heroin with intent to supply.

Prosecutor Jason Howells said that on February 1, police officers saw the pair in a car in the Plantagenet Street area of Cardiff.

Shortly after, the car was driven away and it was stopped by the police. Both were arrested and Davies appeared shocked.

She later said that she did have heroin in a certain part of her body. The home of each

defendant was searched and in Davies's, the police found over £5,000 in cash.

Hughes denied travelling to Cardiff to buy drugs and dealing in them, but Davies admitted she went to the city to buy heroin for personal use.

Mr Howells said the burglary involved Hughes breaking into a house in Chapel Street, Bridgend, disturbing a couple in bed, and taking property worth £300.

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The GEM says...

After the sound and fury, now it's time for reconciliation and moving forward

If ever a hugely controversial issue profoundly affecting root and branch life in Britain for generations to come, deserved to be soberly debated and presented in a clear, factual format for consideration by the electorate, it was surely the Referendum on continuing membership of the European Union.

Regrettably, this did not happen, as instructive debate was lost in a confusing mish-mash of dire predictions and ill-tempered claims and counter-claims by both the Leave and Remain camps.

With it, went any hope of the electorate being given *objective facts* on which to base their vote, unclouded by the emotion and hysteria engendered by 'project fear'. Warring politicians on all sides must take full

responsibility for this and should not have been surprised by the inevitable outcome of a toxic free-for-all that far from resolving the vexed 'in-out' issue, has cut the beating heart of the country in two, exacerbating bitter divisions that will be difficult to heal in the crucial weeks and months ahead.

It is to be hoped that those same politicians, particularly in the two main parties, will rise above the fractious power battles that distract them from their primary responsibility – to address the need for healing and reconciliation in our broken society, restore the nation's fortunes, allay fears – and ensure a peaceful and hopeful future for all, young and old alike.

The people expect nothing less.

'Parties need to regroup together'

A FAR-seeing Labour leader, Hugh Gaitskell back in 1962, warned that European rule would mean the end of a "thousand years of history," for Britain.

Whatever anyone feels about Nigel Farage, he is the only political party leader who has stood by his principles with regard to the EU.

All parties will now need to regroup very quickly together. I believe the Labour Party will need a better and stronger leader and cabinet members if they have to face the painful truth that it was predominantly a working class Leave vote.

On the other side of the coin, we have the Conservative Party's leadership problems. Theresa May is saying little, hoping to further her ambitions.

Barry Hoey, Bridgend.

'Younger generation has been let down'

A S a young person, I write to express my complete devastation at the EU Referendum result and my fears for future generations.

I am ashamed of the message we have given to the world and can't help but feel that this vote was never really about Europe. Rather, it was a protest vote, where genuine frustrations about the economy, employment, standard of living etc were misdirected and whipped up in an atmosphere of fear.

The frustrations and

concerns of voters must absolutely be heard and responded to, but leaving Europe is not the magic fix-all solution to these problems. If anything, it will make some of them worse. In particular, I fear that our hard-won rights for women and workers and the environment will be under threat without the protection of Europe.

I am struggling to find any positives in this situation and feel that my generation, which voted overwhelmingly to Remain, has been let down. We did not vote for this, but we will be living with it for many, many years.

Camilla Beaven, Cowbridge

Ethical principles...

I AM quite certain why I, and many others, voted in 1975 and 2016 to be part of the EU, because we believed in an ethical principle, that nations should cooperate, in order to build a safer world for our children.

I accept that millions have a different opinion since, like all mortals, we might be wrong, but I am weary of the dogmatic claim of 'little Englanders' that EU membership could never be more than their

strange idea of a trade deal, just because they are mentally incapable to see any principles involved.

I recognise that Brexiteers think that buying and selling is the height of human existence, by which they wish to live, in lonely isolation. I had never expected them to share our ethical principles, but I would have been glad if they had ever recognised that there were such considerations for other human beings and societies to choose.

CN Westerman, Brynna

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'WE MAY NOT BE FORGIVEN FOR THIS' 'Older people have no right to influence future of young'

IT has been reported that over 70 per cent of 18 to 24 year olds voted 'Remain' in last week's EU Referendum: at the same time, those over 65 were going to polling stations in droves to vote for 'Brexit'.

As a 72-year-old, I believe that our generation had no right whatsoever to unduly influence the future of our young people. If we are lucky, we will have to put up with the consequences of this decision for the next few years, but the young could be affected by it for 50 or 60 years.

It is, in my opinion, a betrayal of the younger generation for which we may not be forgiven. I personally campaigned hard for a Conservative victory at last year's general election. David Cameron delivered the first overall majority since 1992, only to be rewarded by being undermined by the likes of the opportunistic Boris Johnson and Mr Gove.

Consequently, the Prime Minister, who represents the caring face of Conservatism, has resigned and looks likely to be replaced by the aforementioned Mr Johnson. I, therefore, have decided not to continue my membership of the Conservative Party, but will still support our MP Alun Cairns, whom I hold in high esteem.

The aftermath of the Referendum has seen the

'Time to put pride back into Britain'

AFTER the in-out debate, we now need to decide what model we take!

I believe we should either expand the Commonwealth trade agreements or create a similar British controlled trade block.

We already know that China, Japan, Canada, Australia, Norway, Switzerland, Denmark, Italy, New Zealand and most likely, Greece,

would try to stabilize their economy and I'm sure most others would join as long as there was no political union of any sort.

This is a common goal for all as everyone wants a peaceful and prosperous nation.

Any company that relocates to the EU will be jumping from the frying pan into the fire! It is time to support the workers and farmers of Britain and buy British! James Cole, Swansea

'Leave' campaigners retract promises that were made prior to last Thursday, chaos on the financial markets, and attacks on immigrants. We also face the renewed prospect of the break-up of the United Kingdom.

I have asked myself that if those who voted to leave the EU last week, might put their cross in a different place if the Referendum were to be re-run this week.

Well before the Referendum, I advocated 16 and 17-year-olds being, on this occasion, given the vote. Not surprisingly, this did not happen, it being said that, "They know nothing about it."

What condescending nonsense, that age group was allowed a vote in the Scottish Referendum and engaged with the issues, making their decision accordingly.

In conclusion, I hope that we can recover from this disaster and secure the future of our young people.

John Deakin, Llantwit Major.

'Referendum issue more important than the EU...'

WHY did we hold a referendum about the EU? We are supposed to have a Government to run the country, what they want should be final.

If the Government wants to hold a referendum they should think about the death penalty.

When people kill MPs, it's about time something is done about the death penalty.

We have all these murderers in prison living it up. Prisons today have all the facilities to keep them happy, being paid for by the taxpayer.

So let's have a referendum on the death penalty, it's more important than the EU.

Bill Lang, Barry.

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'UK's problems were caused by lack of foresight'

CAN I take this opportunity to thank the wise people of Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan who voted to stay in the EU, two of only five voting districts in Wales to do so; however, this is not what I want to write about.

What does concern me was that young people, those who are going to be most affected by Brexit, voted by a substantial majority to remain in the EU.

They were, however, heavily outvoted by people over the age of 60 who voted to leave.

Young people of this country have been unable to leave home, and get a mortgage; are stuck in zero hours contract jobs, which means that they will never be able to get a loan or a mortgage – and have had to pay a fortune in tuition fees for higher education; and will not have a final

salary pension, but much less advantageous pensions when they retire.

How many of these older voters asked their children, and in some cases grandchildren, whether they wanted to stay in the EU?

How many of these older people blamed the EU for the problems of the NHS, the lack of social housing and the lack of school places, when these problems are entirely due to a criminally negligent lack of foresight on the part of the UK Government and regional Assemblies?

Instead, older people, the same age as myself, voted for the land of milk and honey promised by Mr Farage, who appealed to the basest emotions and fears among a confused electorate.

At least I can hold my head up and say I voted for younger people, for their future. Can you? David Kennett, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
30 Thur	02.49	8.5	15.26	8.6
01 Fri	03.52	8.8	16.31	9.0
02 Sat	05.03	9.1	17.35	9.2
03 Sun	06.03	9.4	18.29	9.6
04 Mon	06.58	9.7	19.21	9.9
05 Tues	07.49	10.0	20.09	10.1
06 Wed	08.33	10.0	20.52	9.9
07 Thur	09.17	9.8	21.36	9.7

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BRIDGEND LIONS STAGE HANDOVER CEREMONY



President John Paton (the club's first Scottish president) with first vice Patrick Halliwell (left) and second vice Tony Gates (right) who all commenced their official duties at the handover ceremony on Wednesday June 22 at the Caeffatri Bar and Grill. The evening concluded with each member being presented with a Scottish hat!



New president John Paton takes the helm of Bridgend Lions Club for the forthcoming year having been presented with the presidential chain by immediate past president Godfrey Morris.

Grand opening for salon

A NEW dog grooming salon opens this week, on Saturday, July 2 in Pyle Garden Village.

Sue Peake runs Paws Galore, and the new salon means that Sue, who two years ago employed two people, now has a staff of six.

She told The GEM: "I started in

the business by taking a course in Pencoed College, and I now teach that same course!

"The grand opening begins at 2pm on Saturday, with a glass of fizz, chocolate strawberries and doggy treats for the VIPs!"



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'Active Travel made more practical' in Bridgend

MORE than £1m worth of improvements have been made around Bridgend since the turn of the year to make it easier for people to go about their daily journeys in a more 'active' way.

Anyone travelling along the A473 between Coychurch and Pencoed will have noticed the improvements that have recently been made to create a new shared route for pedestrians and cyclists. Giving walkers and cyclists an alternative to the busy dual carriageway, the route was funded by £375,000 from the Welsh Government's local transport fund.

The recent work has included creating a new wide cycle path along the A4063 from Lewis

Avenue, while the crossing point over the A4061 Boulevard De Villenave D'Ornon outside the Ravens Court office on Brewery Lane has been upgraded to become more 'bike-friendly'.

That particular scheme was allocated nearly £300,000 from the Welsh Government's Metro programme, while £186,000 was secured from its 'Safe Routes in Communities' programme to complete the missing section of the shared cycling and walking path that runs through Laleston.

All three schemes were managed by Bridgend County Borough Council.

As part of its duties under the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, Bridgend County Borough Council is also working on a map to show the future network of active travel routes that it would like to see developed over the next 15 years.

The map, which needs to be submitted to Welsh Government by September 2017, is being developed with assistance from local schools that are taking part in the Sustrans Active Journeys project to find out their views, and further consultation will also be held with the public later this year.

Richard conquers Kilimanjaro in bid to raise funds for KPC



KPC Youth and Community has congratulated Rich Burrows for successfully reaching the summit of Kilimanjaro on June 24.

Donations can still be made to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/.

KPC would also like to pass on their thanks to EBS Automation of Llanelli for its sponsorship towards this event.

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Choir at flower festival



Hugh Morgan and Rhian Jenkins

MAESTEG and District Male Voice Choir was invited to open the flower festival at St John's Church, Glyncorrwg on Thursday, June 23.

A spokesman said: "The church was magnificently decorated with an array of flowers that showed the hard work which had gone into arranging the festival.

"The choir gave a wonderful performance of traditional songs, including *Gwahoddiaid, Y Fory, Tydi A Roddaid, Y Tangneffeddwyr*, and 'The Rose', and with others ended the very successful concert with Finlandia.

"The choir's own Kevan Lloyd was the soloist for the evening and sang four songs from *Les Miserables* and was very well received by the large audience, and we also had David Mayberry doing the solo part for *Y Fory*.

"Ben Fish was the compère for the evening and did an excellent job of introducing each song. "On this occasion,

musical director Rhian Jenkins took on the role of accompanist and Hugh Morgan, deputy musical director, took over the baton and what a wonderful job they both did.

"The choir would like to announce that Huw Irranca-Davies AM has agreed to become president of the choir and wanted to come to the concert, but was tied up, understandably, in the referendum.

"On a sadder note, in the morning the choir said farewell to one of our long-standing members Mr John Edwards (John Plumb) who recently passed away, and sang 'Bring Him Home' with Kevan Lloyd singing the solo part.

"Finally, Maesteg Male Voice Choir is growing but would obviously welcome any male to come and join us at practice every Thursday and every other Tuesday at the Celtic Club, Maesteg where you will be given a very warm welcome."

A magnificent milestone for business forum

THE Wallich has joined Bridgend Business Forum (BBF) and become the 700th member.

The Wallich, a homeless support charity, operates more than 60 projects in 19 local authorities and has a drop-in centre in Bridgend.

Chairman of BBF, Ian Jessop, said: "We are delighted to welcome The Wallich as our 700th member. It's an excellent organisation, which makes a considerable difference to people's lives, providing help and support to people at a time when they need it the most."

"We are proud to welcome them to the Bridgend business forum and we hope that by joining us they will become well-established within the Bridgend business community. There is plenty of opportunity to network with other businesses in the area and also to enter our business awards which offers an excellent

platform to showcase your organisation. The deadline for entries is July 8."

Zoe Westerman of The Wallich said: "It's fantastic news to hear that The Wallich is the 700th member of the BBF. We are really hopeful that this membership will raise the profile of our charity in the area and highlight our services and what they bring to the community. Businesses and charities can achieve so much more by working together."

Council leader, Coun Mel Nott, said: "I'm very pleased to see Bridgend Business forum still thriving eight years on. It is important that the council maintains this strong and successful link between the public and private sector in Bridgend County Borough and the business forum offers an ideal way to achieve this."

Society's concert

TABERNACLE Music Society (TMS) choir and orchestra, conducted by Matthew Nash, will perform The Black Knight by Edward Elgar on Sunday, July 10.

This work is a cantata in four movements based on the ballad *Der Schwarze Ritter* by Ludwig Uhland, translated by Henry Longfellow. It tells the story of the intrusion of a mysterious stranger into a king's court with disastrous and gruesome results.

Also in the programme is Malcolm

Arnold's *Little Suite No 2* and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's *Ballade for Orchestra* along with several appealing repertoire pieces by the choir, including a piece by Waldo Williams, *Tangneffeddwyr* (The Peacemakers), which describes 'Abertaw n fflam' (Swansea aflame) during the war, *Tydi A Roddaid* by Arwel Hughes, *When I'm Sixty Four* by The Beatles, and *Sing a Song* by The Carpenters.

The venue is Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend (7pm). Tickets are available from choir members, or at the door.



Campaign to end Guide dog discrimination

PEOPLE with guide dogs are being turned away from businesses, claims the Guide Dogs For the Blind Association, which has launched a campaign to end it.

Guide Dogs' 'Access All Areas' campaign is to ensure guide dog owners can carry out everyday activities such as travel by taxi, or go to the local shops, without the risk of being turned away.

The campaign is supported by Chris Elmore MP, who was one of a number of MPs who met guide dog owners at Westminster recently to hear tales of the discrimination faced.

According to law, guide dog owners are allowed the same access to shops, restaurants and taxis as everyone else.

James White, senior advocacy manager for Guide Dogs, said: "Guide dog owners rely on their dogs to feel confident and supported. Being turned away by a business leaves people feeling angry, upset and embarrassed."

"It can rob people of their independence and can leave them unable to do everyday activities."

"Despite the law being clear on this issue, guide dog owners are still experiencing this form of discrimination every day and this needs to change."

Mr Elmore is supporting Guide Dogs' call for disability equality training, and for offenders to be properly punished under the law when they discriminate against guide dog owners.

Couple's sentence

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When arrested, he said: "I don't do burglary, man, it is all bull**."**

Robert Chudleigh, for Davies, said she was supplying only to friends and was entirely remorseful.

David Sedgewick, for Hughes, said: "He understands the serious position he is in and that he will receive a substantial sentence."

"The burglary was nothing but a foolish offence."

The judge told them: "The serious aggravating feature is your previous convictions for supplying class A drugs."



WALES BACKS 'LEAVE'

by GEM REPORTER

WALES voted to leave the European Union – a decision endorsed by the people of Bridgend county borough.

In the Bridgend area 'Leave' achieved 40,622 votes (54.64 per cent) and Remain 33,723 (45.36 per cent) a 'Leave' majority of 6,899. The turnout was 71.15 per cent.

The vote in Bridgend borough was always likely to be close, and 'Remain' would have been hopeful of victory with both First Minister, Carwyn Jones, and local MP Madeleine Moon in favour of continued membership of the EU.

Downing Street was said to be confident of victory until Sunderland delivered a crushing win for Leave – 61 per cent to 39 per cent – at 12.20am on Friday morning. From that point on, it was clear the Referendum was in the balance, and as night gave way to morning Leave remained the stronger vote.

The final vote in Wales was Remain 772,347 votes (47.5%), Leave 854,472 votes (52.5%).

On Friday morning, Prime Minister David Cameron stepped out of 10 Downing Street to announce his resignation. He will stay on until the Conservative Party announces a successor.

The First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones described the Referendum as "a result I'm disappointed with, but a result I accept."

He said he thought the timing of the Referendum so soon after the Welsh elections was poor because it had been likely to be about a number of issues and not just the EU.

He added that the result must be respected. "Now is the time for Wales to unite and think clearly about its future."

The Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, who backed Leave, said: "David Cameron can be proud of his many

achievements as Prime Minister; not least in having delivered this opportunity for the public to have its say on such a huge constitutional issue.

"The democratic will of the United Kingdom has been served today, and it is clear that the political landscape here in Wales and the UK has been changed permanently, and beyond recognition."

"Clearly the leaders of political parties here in Wales will need to reflect to what extent they can be said to be representing Welsh public opinion on this matter."

Mr Davies stressed the unity of the whole country was paramount. "We must also recognise, however, that there is a significant proportion of the population that didn't vote to leave the EU and who will not be sharing our optimism today, and we must move forward together as a United Kingdom."

He added: "I am proud to say that Vote Leave was a cross-party platform, and I pay tribute to the family of activists who worked so tirelessly and without whom this result would not have been possible."

The Conservatives are seeking a new leader and Labour are in a state of civil war after over 20 of Jeremy Corbyn's team resigned in the space of 24 hours.

What the public will demand in the weeks ahead is that politicians put their country before narrow party considerations, to create stability, as the United Kingdom heads towards exit negotiations with the EU.

• Neil Woodford, one of Britain's most respected fund managers, who commissioned an independent report into the consequences of Brexit, believes that although there will be short-term financial challenges, in the long term Britain's future will be largely unaffected by leaving the EU.

Parents run classes for Pencoed pupils



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MUMS and dads have gone back to school at Pencoed Primary to help pass on a range of their talents to pupils.

At the school's first ever 'Community Skills Day', 30 parents were invited in to run masterclasses on subjects ranging from balloon artistry to making jewellery, mosaics and weaving.

In all, 20 workshops allowed more than 250 pupils the opportunity to explore new skills that they wouldn't usually have had the chance to learn in school.

Local businesses including Davey's Building Merchants, Wickes, Bridgend Tile Centre and Tesco also donated supplies on the day to ensure that every pupil could take something home as a memento – whether it be a cupcake, a cushion, or a sock puppet!

Headteacher Suzanne Sarjeant said: "The day was a resounding success and was another example of the fantastic support that we receive from parents and the wider community in Pencoed."

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BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR MAIR'S WALK

MAIR'S Walk is an annual three-mile sponsored walk from Bridgend recreation centre to Ogmere Castle via Merthyr Mawr and the stepping stones on Sunday, July 3.

This year former walk leaders Huw Edwards and Max Boyce will accompany Mair ap Gruffudd, who will be leading.

The walk raises funds for the Stepping Stones Appeal for Velindre Cancer Centre, and promises a day of fun for all the family – all in the grounds of Ogmere Castle.

Registration is from 9.30am at Bridgend

recreation centre and the walk starts at 11am. Entry costs £10 with children under 16 free.

Fancy dress is optional and there is a prize for the best outfit.

Entry forms can be obtained from The Bridgend Foot Clinic, 5 Nolton Street, Bridgend, CF31 1BX; James Mordecau, HRT Estate Agents, The Tool House, 1 Derwen Road, Bridgend or the entry form can be downloaded from the Mair's Walk website at www.mairswalk.wordpress.com. Walkers can also register on the day of the walk from 9.30am at Bridgend recreation centre.

Bridgend youngsters can enter drawing competition



Swci Delic at Castle Coch.

A WELSH artist is calling on children in Bridgend to enter a landmark art competition giving them the chance to see their designs splashed across the side of a National Express coach.

Professional artist Swci Delic has been chosen by the UK's largest coach operator to launch 'Colour the Coach' in Wales – a competition that showcases the landmarks people can see up and down the UK by coach on National Express' network of services.

To enter the competition, children are being asked to draw their favourite local landmark and Swci, who is well known for her psychedelic art and Welsh language music, will be judging entries from Bridgend.

The best design, as chosen by Swci, will be turned into a special one-off 'landmark livery' to go on a National Express coach, while the winner will also be presented with a £50 cheque.

Young, budding artists requiring further information should visit nationalexpress.com.

Diabetes roadshow set to come to town



A dietician will be on hand to help people to make healthy food choices.

DIABETES UK Cymru's 'Know Your Risk' roadshow visits Bridgend early next month.

The event, a partnership with Tesco, will be held on Tuesday, July 5 in Caroline Street between 9am and 5pm and on Wednesday, July 6 at the Tesco Extra store on Cowbridge Road from 9am to 4.30pm.

Anyone can visit to find out their risk of type 2 diabetes by answering some simple questions and having their height, weight and waist measured.

Diabetes UK Cymru's national director Dai Williams said: "In Wales 576,000 people are at increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes and in Bridgend alone there are an estimated 8,800 people living with the condition."

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Former Wales international Lee Byrne joined representatives from Welsh businesses to show support for the .cymru .wales domain names ahead of the Euros.

Fans urged to 'make the web more Welsh' during Euro 2016

WALES football fans are being urged to show their support for the team during the Euro 2016 championships by registering to use the .cymru and .wales domain names.

Individuals and organisations, proud of their Welsh heritage, can now use these domains

for their websites and email addresses. More than 20,000 have already registered, putting the two new domains for Wales into the 'Top 10' of the European league table for new location-specific domain names.

One of the first to adopt the Welsh domain name was the Football Association of Wales (www.faw.cymru) whose chief executive officer, Jonathan Ford, said: "Qualifying for our first

major tournament since 1958 has certainly given Wales a strong international profile and we hope individual fans will keep that going by registering for the .cymru and .wales domains and helping Wales to stand out from the crowd."

Cor Bro Ogrwr summer concert

THE choir welcomes back its former conductor, Edward-Rhys Harry, for the summer concert at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl, on Friday, July 15 at 7pm with a varied programme, featuring both familiar and new works.

Karl Jenkins' 'Stabat Mater', which the choir knows well, is an emotional and rousing work. The orchestra, the British Sinfonietta, will be going full pelt with this.

Vivaldi's 'Gloria' is, by contrast, a joyful and light work.

Finally, we are singing something quite different: a Welsh miscellany, featuring compositions by our conductor and some of his arrangements of old favourites. The highlight will be his new composition to commemorate the Aberfan disaster of 1966.

The choir is grateful to Edward for stepping into the breach while the search was on for a new conductor. In September, Rosie Howarth takes up the baton, but meanwhile, we aim to give Edward a rousing concert as a 'thank you'.

Tickets £10 at the door, or call 01656 653326, www.cor-bro-ogwr and find us on Facebook.

DANCE SCHOOL COMES HOME WITH AN ARMFUL OF AWARDS



RECENTLY, Revolutionise dance school travelled 240 miles to compete in the Ultimate Victory Dance Championships in Kent.

Revolutionise is based in Pyle and works with children and young people in a variety of styles including acrobatics, tap, hip-hop, mixed dance and ballet.

Performers range in age from three to 19 years took part in 19 separate categories and came home with an armful of awards – 23 trophies: 14 placed first, four placed second and five placed third.

A special award was given to the group piece 'Avatar' as the judges' entertainment award.

Holly Molino, dance director, said: "Well done to everyone of our students who took part. They are an inspiration to myself, the school, and their parents."

Revolutionise will be supporting a number of local events, carnivals and fetes over the summer months but their hard work will culminate in show, 'Practice Make Perfect' on September 17 at Porthcawl Grand Pavilion where alongside runner-up Karis Thomas from The Voice 2015, they will be showcasing their talents.

They will also be performing at Disneyland Paris, March 2017, and are currently looking for any local business willing to donate raffle prizes for a charity night, or to sponsor the team.

Trophies won at Kent were:

9-11 years acrobatic solos: first, Samantha Walmsley; second, Lucy Baker.

8 years and under acrobatic solo: first, Lily Harris; third, Seren Allen.

12-14 years solo acrobatics: first, Ellis Thomas; third, Sienna Harris.

18 years plus lyrical solo: third, Charley Harries.

Ballet solo: first, Brooke Gape; third, Chloe Tozer.

18 years ballet duet: first, Danielle Jones and Charley Harries.

Modern duet 8 years and under: first, Rubie May Molino and Seren Allen.

8 years and under acro duet: first, Tianna and Mckenzie; second, Brooke and Masie.

15-17 years acro trio:

first, Caitlin Toy, Ellis Thomas, Lily Harris.

15-17 years contemporary: first, Danielle Jones and Caitlin Toy.

8 years and under acrobatic group: first, Revolutionise Dance School 'Avatar'.

12-14 years lyrical group: first, Revolutionise Dance School 'Flashlight'.

15-17 years acrobatic duet: first, Chloe and Jade.

12-14 years acrobatic

duet: first, Ellis and Lily.

9-11 years acrobatics duet: first, Sophie and Imogen.

Modern 12-14 group: second, Revolutionise Dance School 'Easy Love'.

12-14 year acrobatic group: first, Revolutionise Dance School 'Hanging Tree'.

Judges entertainment award: 'Avatar'.

For any enquires contact or Holly Molino 07557386502.

Tribute to Ann at the Pen-y-Fai WI

AT this month's meeting of Pen-y-Fai WI the members were treated to a craft lesson and talk on 'willow working' by Clare Revera.

Clare is a familiar face in WI circles and has seen many ladies follow up on her instructive talks by taking one of her willow classes.

Everyone enjoyed making a basic bird feeder to take home. Jan Ryder gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the

ladies. Earlier in the evening the members held a minute's silence in honour of Ann Hopson, who passed away this month after a long illness.

The members were requested to put their names forward for forthcoming trips to the Royal Mint in September and a day out at Denman College in March 2017.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 18.

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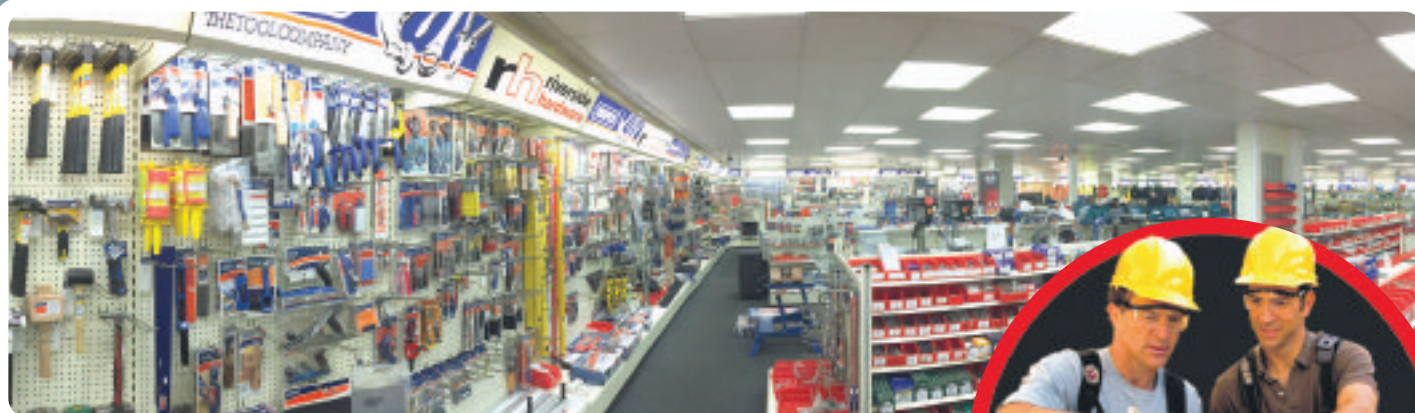
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ROTARY'S RAMBLE LEADS TO SITE OF SILURES BATTLE

DEPARTING the Llangynwyd Corner House in persistent drizzle, Rotary Club of Bridgend president Alan Reeks led fellow Rotarians and guests to the top of the Llangynwyd-Penybryn road.

With the sky brightening the walkers set off westwards along the Ogwr Ridgeway path, its older name Heol Moch. This is nothing to do with pigs but a derivative of a pre-Celtic name for this walkway, which is believed to have been in use for more than 5,000 years and was a short-cut – hence the name,

'moch'.

The route followed the uneven and muddy line of the gas pipe laid a few years ago, but the terrain soon gave way to dry ground and open fields.

The sun came out; and Bettws to the north-east, Maesteg to the north, possibly Cardiff to the far east and Porthcawl to the south were visible.

Caer Blaen y Cwm, an iron age fort used later by the Romans as an outpost, was reached and a spring – the source of the River Kenfig – was seen.

Then, crossing fields in a northerly direction with fine views to the north over the Llynfi valley and on to Maesteg, the group

reached Y Bwlwarcaw, the site of an extensive Bronze Age fortified village.

The outlines of the village though partially obscured by tall grass, can be seen in the ground topography and the eroded earth rampart perimeter ridges clearly identified. The group turned west into the adjoining field to Twmpath Diwlith.

Diwlith is a name from the late 15th century, a time local clergy used to read Bible passages from the top of the mound; this is one of the earliest Bronze Age burial chambers in the area – some 3,000 to 3,500 years old.

Clambering the broken stile into Margam Forest, the group joined the Glamorgan Ridgeway / Coed Morganwg Way.

Then on to the Bodvic Stone, well, a replica in fact. The original is in Margam Abbey museum. Erected circa 550AD with a Latin inscription, the stone marks the burial place of

Bodvocus, a man descended from a Roman family who stayed behind after the legions withdrew from Britain.

Southwards with fine views towards the Bristol Channel, the lowland areas of Margam, Porthcawl, Kenfig and Pyle, to Cwm Lladdfa – the Valley of the Slaughter – the reputed site of the AD50 defeat by the Roman legions of the Silures tribe with their chief,

Caractacus escaping to the area now the Midlands. He was sold by local tribes to the Romans and taken in chains to Rome, where he delivered his famous 'freedom' speech to the Senate, which then spared his life.

Continuing along St Illtyd's Walk with the Port Talbot Tata steel plant visible in the distance, and returning to Rhyd Blaen y Cwm and then back to the road to Llangynwyd, we had a much appreciated lunch at the Corner House.

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Former golfer wants apology from council

A former professional golfer who lives in Barry says he wants an apology from the Vale Council after he feared eviction.

Alan Evans (56) said he was told he was £133.89 in arrears – a figure he disputed.

He claimed that on June 6, the Vale Council threatened him with eviction, but the council said it had started "a debt recovery process".

Mr Evans, who suffers from ill-health, including problems to his back, shoulder, pelvis, hip and arms, and had previously been homeless, said: "I won the flat through a bid with Homes 4 U – I was so pleased I cried. I was very grateful because the council had also paid for a washing machine and cooker."

"I moved in on March 14 and had to sleep on cushions for the first six weeks until I was able to buy a mattress – I got vouchers from the council to get a bed frame."

The disputed arrears were made up of water payments, and an ongoing fee for an alarm which he insists should not have been included. Mr Evans had arranged regular

payments for the water.

He said the true arrears were £86.15 which was a consequence of him not being able to attend the Civic Offices to make payments because of ill health.

Mr Evans said: "In the end the council admitted it was their fault on the pullcords and said I did not have to pay."

"When I got the eviction notice I was put through a great deal of stress and think I should receive an apology."

Mr Evans is now in credit, but said that when he went down to the Civic Offices to sort the matter out he felt the answers to him were "cold and uncaring".

Mr Evans explained that his health problems dated back to excessive training on the European golf tour many years ago when he rubbed shoulders with the likes of Ballesteros, Woosnam and Faldo.

"I used to hit 1,000 balls a day. You have to be a contortionist to be a golfer."

Coun Bronwen Brooks, cabinet member for housing, said: "There is a small weekly water charge that many of our tenants

are required to pay. Mr Evans did not pay this consistently. Our housing team wrote to Mr Evans four times as well as making a number of repayment agreements with him."

"When these agreements were not kept and repayments not made a 'Notice Seeking Possession' was served."

"This is not an eviction notice. It is the first stage in the formal debt recovery process and advises a tenant that if the situation is not resolved the council will likely take legal action."

"The debt has now been cleared and a water meter is being fitted so that payments for water can be made directly to Dwr Cymru. There is no ongoing debt recovery action."

by GEM REPORTER



Alan Evans at his flat.

Congratulations to Chloe's Cobbles



CHLOE Francis (right) of Cobbles Kitchen and Deli launched her enlarged cafe and a craft fair in Ogmere on June 18, with guests including Jane Hutt AM.

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A single step begins a journey in Welsh...

HOW lovely to read Emily Wood's article in The GEM. Her experiences have been so similar to mine.

I encourage your readers not only to decide how to begin learning Welsh, as she suggests, but also to throw themselves into using the language from the very first moment.

If you're thinking of learning Welsh, or have already taken the first steps on that journey, come and meet the Valeways group outside Cowbridge library at 10am on Tuesday, June 28 for a cwydro, a stroll around the town followed by coffee and a chance to get to know each other.

The walks are free and bilingual. First language speakers are always very welcoming to newcomers, so don't be shy!

If you enjoy walking on more challenging terrain, Valeways offers longer, more adventurous outings, giving you an opportunity to stretch both your Welsh and your legs.

We explored the cliffs and Celtic stones of Llantwit Major on our most recent adventure. Ruth, our leader, took us to places unknown even

to those of the group who live there and we found ourselves in a veritable fairyland.

Why not join us as we step out and discover the hidden beauties of the Vale while celebrating another aspect of our heritage, the equally beautiful Welsh language?

My story differs from Emily's in that in my case, it was the decision to learn Welsh that drew me home to Wales. I'd made the effort to acquire enough of the language to be able to communicate in daily life before coming back here, so I wanted to use it every day.

The Welsh Walkers are one of the many active and supportive groups who help me to do just that.

When moving back to Wales, I never expected that I would one day be chosen as the National Eisteddfod's Welsh learner of the year, but that is where my journey led me.

Where will Welsh take you?

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KAY HOLDER

Recruitment drive to mark Armed Forces Day

TO coincide with Armed Forces Day last weekend (June 25), the RAF Association (RAFA) is calling on the people of south Wales to sign up as members of the charity.

As the nation prepares to honour the service of so many current and ex-service men and women, RAFA is urging the public to honour veterans in their communities.

RAFA relies on the generosity of members of the public to support its work, delivering help to the 1.5 million-strong RAF family.

From sourcing financial aid to tackling loneliness and social isolation, the welfare of its members and beneficiaries lies at the heart of its objectives. In 2015 alone, RAFA made over 102,000 welfare calls and visits to people within the RAF family.

Armed Forces Day is an opportunity for communities to show they value the sacrifices that service personnel have made to protect their freedoms. Whether that sacrifice was made during World War Two, the Falklands or more recent conflicts in the

Middle East, such as the Gulf War, the Balkans, Afghanistan or Iraq, RAFA is asking people in south Wales to help support the RAF – and the Armed Forces – every other day of the year.

David Prowse, director of membership and operations, said: "Celebrations like Armed Forces Day are really important initiatives that make current and ex-service personnel feel welcomed by their communities. We believe every generation owes a debt of gratitude to the RAF and their families and events like this remind the British public of the great sacrifices these heroes have made."

"RAFA's primary concern is ensuring that every member of the RAF family feels looked after. With thousands of members and volunteers across the UK and further afield, we are building the vital network needed for a personal, one-to-one approach."

"With this goal in mind, we are asking members of Barry to sign up and help us to provide this security and support. To join, people can visit www.rafra.org.uk/join

IN BRIEF Cardiff and Vale Orchid Society

A TALK will be given on the subject of transplanting and repotting orchids from bottles, on Saturday, July 2 at 2pm.

Mr Robin Hall will give the talk at the Old Sully School.

Following a very successful and informative talk by Mr Ian Parsons, anyone with orchids or an interest in orchids is invited to join us on July 2, for more information contact Tony Cumming on 01446 738472.

Enfys craft fair

THE next Enfys craft fair takes place on Saturday, July 2 at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry.

Entry is free and this month's raffle is in support of the local branch of the RNLI.

The fair is open from 10am – 4pm. For more information, call Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

50P Sale

A SALE will be held in the All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Wednesday, July 6 from 2.15pm – 3.30pm.

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Barry player drives off with great prize

A LUCKY local resident from Barry is delighted after winning a Fiat 500 from Meccabingo.com.

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James said: "I'm absolutely delighted! I never thought in a

million years that I would win.

"I'd like to say a massive thanks for this wonderful prize! It just proves you've got to be in it to win it."

Sarah Leach, Mecca Bingo's digital operations manager, commented: "We had such a fantastic response to the competition."

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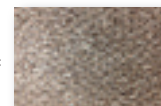
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WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

THE die is now cast; by the time you are all reading this, the votes will have been counted and the country's decision known.

The big question will not be, "Should we stay in the EU or get out?" There will, in fact be two big questions. The first will be, "Have we made the right decision?" The second will be, "If we have made the wrong decision, what do we do if all goes belly up?"

Fear not, fellow Barrians - I have a plan! Phase 1: We blow up the causeway and declare Barry Island an independent free state, like the Vatican.

Then we ensure our sovereignty and security that's ...

Phase 2: We charge people to come over on the ferry and we only allow the people we want to come to the island on To the boat and...

Phase 3: In the event of any international conflict we don't get involved, we declare ourselves neutral, like Switzerland.

Finally, we have to ensure that we get away with the above and maintain a flourishing economy.

Vote has divided the country

I DIDN'T think I would feel so personally devastated at the 'Brexit' result that has left a nation divided and cast adrift with, worryingly, no future plan.

In delivering the Referendum to thwart UKIP and appease the party's right, it seems that David Cameron has earned the unique distinction of being the worst PM we have ever had.

In a single act he has created a disaster for Britain that will have long lasting repercussions right across the globe.

Less than an hour after the result was announced, Nigel Farage was asked if that money

would now go to the NHS and his reply was "No". Now Britain is to leave the EU, many people, politicians and pundits will be wondering just how it happened.

I agree that the EU needs to change, but I think we are definitely out of the frying pan, into the fire after Brexit.

I fear that personal losses will spread far and wide; the rich will survive, no matter what, while the poor and working classes will be hit hard.

The vote to leave has not only ruined this country, but divided it. Now Old Etonian Cameron will walk away from this mess for future generations to pick up.

Coun Richard Bertin, Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council.

That brings me to ... Phase 4:

We set up our own bank and print our own money - we won't have pounds, we'll have Ynyses (As in Ynys y Barri get it?); and make sure no-one will want to involve us in wars, because, like Switzerland, we provide a safe haven for all the corrupt politicians, dictators, drug barons and assorted other villains in the world to squirrel away their ill-gotten gains in anonymous numbered accounts. We can then use the money in that bank to invest in Barry Island.

Phase 5: We ensure a flourishing tourist trade by knocking down the fairground and building a massive great casino - better than the one in Monte Carlo.

So that will be Barry Island sorted and as the nearest entry point, the mainlanders will get all sorts of fringe benefits.

We will invent all sorts of stupid rules about what you have to wear on the island and equipment you have to bring, which can only be bought in shops on Holton Road.

The casino on the island will be so popular and so many assorted villains will be wanting to get onto the island to put their money in their anonymous numbered accounts, that people will flock to the Island in their thousands, but we will limit the numbers actually allowed over to the Island per day, thus creating a huge demand for places to stay in the town while people wait for the ferry.

There we go - sorted!

DAVID ALEXANDER (Barry Island)

'Elderly want to stay independent'

AFTER reading your article on the proposed retirement flats in Cowbridge, I felt I needed to respond to it.

Not only do some MPs suggest older people should move into retirement flats in order to free up under-occupied houses for the younger population, we now have house-builders suggesting the same.

As a pensioner, speaking for myself and others, we love our gardens - as do our grandchildren - they also love staying in our

unoccupied bedrooms at the weekend and during school holidays.

If these retirement flats are so popular, then why are so many unsold?

Perhaps it is the service charges (making pensioners less well off) or perhaps we are not like the pensioners of years ago - we keep active, want to remain independent and not have communal gardens.

I do, however, appreciate that for some elderly people they are ideal, but please don't make us all feel we are a burden on the country.

Name and address supplied.

'Owners' duty to care'

ON leaving Porthkerry Park, recently, I noticed two men waiting for their dog to finish its business.

I watched for a while. They tried to look the other way and when the dog had finished, they promptly walked to their car without picking up the mess.

I then went to the Buttrills playing field, where I saw two crisp packets and an empty bottle on the grass, moments before almost doing the splits on - yes, you guessed it - dog's mess, which was particularly nasty.

I then proceeded past the cemetery on the

pavement. This time, I had a very lucky escape, and not for the first time here, from yet another rather large deposit - but no doubt some other unsuspecting individual wasn't so lucky.

...And you want to take your dogs on the beach through the summer?

I don't blame the animal in the slightest, but the owners in these kind of incidents should be ashamed of themselves for bringing the good name of 'responsible' dog owners into disrepute.

So come on, it's your duty, so clean up after your dog! It's really not fair on the rest of us, is it?

T Abery, Barry

The people have spoken... NOW WE MUST WORK HARDER THAN EVER TO DELIVER PROMISES

I SUPPOSE, as a politician, I can't ignore the EU Referendum and I would ask you to forgive me for beginning this column with some personal comments.

We have had the result of the most significant vote in a generation. The decision that has been taken is a long-term one, affecting the way organisations, governments and people across Europe, interact and integrate.

I am personally disappointed by the overall result and devastated that those Valleys authorities, where I was brought up, voted to leave.

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And that event was just the start.

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As part of its ongoing work to tackle digital exclusion, the council already provides free wi-fi at council buildings, such as the civic and dock offices, and at its libraries. Having access to wi-fi on the Vale's most popular beach will make it even easier for visitors to book a beach hut, share pictures of their day and generally spend more time outdoors, all of which will further enhance the appeal of the resort.

You may also have seen the finished causeway and after visiting this week I am absolutely delighted by the result and the vista it brings.

While there, I was also pleased to have people thank us for the work that has been done.

That's what makes me feel proud of the council's achievements.

Elsewhere in the Vale, two high-profile public consultation exercises are now underway that will determine how the latest financial investments by the council are directed.

GEM readers in Penarth may already be aware of the north Penarth open space improvement scheme

VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun
NEIL MOORE
Leader of the
Vale of
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Council

wares on offer.

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The proposed investment into Ysgol Bro Morgannwg represents the first part of a wider plan to radically overhaul secondary schooling in Barry. The second part of this will focus on improving the town's English-medium schools and will be considered by cabinet at the start of July.

There was also news from the Welsh Government that local government reorganisation is now off the table and it is rethinking public service reform. I look forward to making the council views known on any issue raised.

As you may know, the council had always argued that, as the best performing council in Wales, it did not want to be subsumed into Cardiff, as was planned.

I know that some people don't like me talking up the council, but it's simply a fact.

For example, it has won another two awards this week in the way it consults with and talks to staff, using the 'Leadership Café' and the 'Staff Charter'. These were UK-wide awards and the Vale was the only Welsh winner.

In addition, the 'Inspiring the Vale' business start-up scheme is the only Welsh entrant shortlisted for an 'Enterprising Britain' award. The bursary scheme provides up to £3,000 of financial support and business advice for would-be entrepreneurs under 30 years old. The council is very grateful to the Waterloo Foundation, which has helped support more than 40 new businesses so far, which are flourishing.

The final outcome should be released in the next few weeks, along with the results of two other awards in relation to youth work in which the council is a finalist.

So as I said, I think the council is doing a good job and I would again like to thank all staff involved in these initiatives.

The proof of the pudding, though, is as they say, in the eating!

Charity's record vinyl promo...

Vinyl records may have seen a resurgence in popularity over the last few years - but in Oxfam Penarth, vinyl never went away!

The charity shop is preparing for its third vinyl record promotion this autumn and staff hope to have more than 300 items on display in the promotion.

The Oxfam shop has built up a loyal following of record collectors and has focused on bringing high-quality vinyl to its customers.

Manager Jayne Luston said: "We welcome donations of all vinyl - singles and LPs - of every genre."

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Harvey Rees.



Rhian Hughes.

THE final of the 'Star Search' competition was held as part of the Maesteg Festival.

The winner was Harvey Rees (trumpet player) who received a cheque for £1,000.

In second place was Rhian Hughes (soloist) who received a cheque for £500, and in third were dance group who received £250.

Festival ends with a standing ovation



TAKE NOTE.

SATURDAY (June 25) night saw the final event in the month-long Maesteg Festival, when Only Men Aloud, with support from Maesteg's Take Note, performed to a capacity audience and received a standing ovation at the end of the show.



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ABOVE: Cardiff and Vale College's new city centre campus.

Billy Elliott is a 'wow' from start to finish

A SMALL group of friends and neighbours recently had the experience of watching *Billy Elliott* at Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff.

The show was jam-packed with excellent vibrant dancing, comedy and superb acting.

The show's story totally captivated the group as it told the story of a boy following his dreams to dance despite lack of support from his family, against the backdrop of the miners' strike.

Lewis Smallman as

Billy Elliott was the star of the show and he won the hearts of the audience. Billy's dad (Martin Walsh) was a convincing and strong character and Andrea Miller as the eponymous character Grandma played a hilarious role where laughter was continuous.

The swearing throughout added to the humour of the show, which was a 'wow' all the way through.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and asked: "What are we going to see next?" as they chatted together on the way home.

Child cruelty offences in Wales increase

THE number of child cruelty and neglect cases recorded by police in Wales has risen by 53 per cent in the last year, the NSPCC has revealed.

The charity's annual child protection review – *How Safe Are Our Children?* – shows parents or carers were reported in connection with 415 offences in 2014-15, compared to 272 in 2013-14.

Cardiff and Vale College will be showcasing its growing range of higher education courses at a special open evening in its Dumballs Road city centre campus, on Tuesday, July 5 from 5pm – 8pm.

The college offers courses in partnership with universities from across the country – from foundation degrees that you can top up to a full degree by taking a third year in university – right up to postgraduate study with the PGCE teaching qualification.

The open evening will offer a chance to find out more about the range of courses on offer.

There will also be opportunities to chat to HE tutors, tour the new city centre campus, and get a taste of student life at CAVC.

There are many reasons to study an HE course at Cardiff and Vale College, a spokesperson explains:

- You could benefit from: gaining career-oriented skills and specific industry knowledge to boost your chances of finding your dream career.
- The teaching and expertise of the college and its partner universities. Access to both CAVC and university facilities. Staying close to home while you study – save money with fewer travel and accommodation costs.
- A more convenient location to fit in with your work and family life.
- Courses taught in small-sized groups. Gaining a stand-alone qualification, or having the option to continue your study to gain a full degree. Being able to study full-time or part-time to fit in with work or other commitments.
- Gaining a stand-alone qualification with the opportunity to 'top up' to a degree.

The college works alongside the University of Birmingham and Buckingham New University, Cardiff Met, Kingston University, the University of South Wales and University of West London, to give people the opportunity to gain university-level qualifications in a range of subjects – many of which are unique to the region.

Courses include a new airline and airport management degree, where students can study at the college's International Centre for Aerospace Training.

This internationally-renowned facility, based at Cardiff Airport, includes classrooms, as well as specialist workshops, laboratories and a real-life hangar with aircraft to develop skills on.

One student who is based at ICAT, Lewis Richmond, is studying for a BSc (Hons) in Aircraft Engineering. CAVC students like Lewis can progress from Level 3 courses onto the college's HE programme.

"I've always been interested in engineering, but I wasn't sure what field was for me," Lewis said. "Aircraft engineering covered the key areas I was looking for: hydraulics, pneumatics and electrics."

"I progressed onto the BSc (Honours) degree from the Level 3 course here at CAVC. That course really opens your eyes to how much goes on inside an aircraft and it highlighted that this was the industry for me."

"The college has a link with British Airways, which is based just around the corner. It's a great way to learn and a stepping stone for getting into the industry. I've had a six-week placement with BA

previously and have another three-week block coming up soon."

Other new courses include foundation degrees in hospitality, tourism and events management and professional culinary arts management. CAVC offers a new HNC/D in sports coaching and development and rugby and football coaching, which will be offered at the college's new International Sports Campus in Leckwith.

CAVC now also offers foundation degrees in finance, fashion styling, film, psychology, English and history, game art and design and product design.

Cardiff and Vale College students are among the most satisfied in the country, with the college rated above the national average for teaching and learning.

CAVC has inspirational facilities and dedicated industry-standard training centres across Cardiff and the Vale, including its new £45m city centre campus with its specialist HE centre.

The college has a 90.4 per cent success rate for students studying university level courses which is 11.4 per cent up on the national comparator, and the college has specialist lecturers who are fully engaged with their industries and the latest trends and developments.

Cardiff and Vale College also has a bursary scheme for all HE learners on full-time or part-time courses.

Pre-register for the HE open evening and beat the queues by visiting www.cavc.ac.uk/heopen.

A different kind of charity ball!

THE Layla-Mae Appeal is £1,700 better off – thanks to the Cardiff Blues and Wessex Garages.

Wessex Garages asked people to guess how many Cardiff Blues rugby balls could fit in the boot of a Nissan Qashqai, held by the Lollipop Lane Playgroup at Celtic Way Community Centre in Rhosne.

Cardiff Blues rugby player Josh Navidi also made a guest appearance at the fete to help sell

raffle tickets, present the prizes and sign rugby balls for fans.

The Layla-Mae Appeal is to raise money for eight-year-old Layla-Mae, who was diagnosed with a brain tumour at the age of five as well as severe complex epilepsy.

Layla-Mae was transferred to Great Ormond Street Hospital in 2014 for specialist treatment and brain surgery and still remains under its specialist care.

Gareth Howells, general

manager at Wessex Garages said: "We were delighted we could help the playgroup raise money for the Layla-Mae Appeal."

"We held a competition to guess how many Cardiff Blues' rugby balls were in the boot of the car at £3 per guess."

"After the competition, we also sold the rugby balls for £3 each to raise even more money for the appeal. The total raised so far is more than £1,700 and they are still counting for a final figure."



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Plus we have our community gardens opening for the first time. Home-made teas will be served and there are many restful and beautiful areas to sit and relax. Plants sales are also an attraction, and the local church is open, providing lawn games and an exhibition of local art.

Opening information:
Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 3 (11am - 6pm). Combined

admission £5, children admitted free. Home-made teas, gluten-free options available.

The gardens in this group are:

1 Ashgrove and Brookleigh, 30 and 32 Millbrook Road, Nightingale Community Gardens, The Pound and West Cliff - all opening on all of the group opening dates.

The Huntsman Restaurant is opening on Sunday, July 3.

This group also makes a donation to Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern.

Barry Gardens TWO town gardens.

47 Aneurin Rd is an ever-changing small vertical garden with a collection of over 30 clematis, fuchsia and cranesbill geraniums.

11 Arno Rd is a redesigned plant lover's small garden with a new front garden with unusual shrubs and shade loving plants.

Opening information:
Sunday, July 10 (12pm - 5.30pm). Combined admission £3.50, children admitted free. Light refreshments.

The gardens in this group are 47 Aneurin Road, and 11 Arno Road.

SARA BENTLEY

What's on and where in your area

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, July 3 at 2.30pm, 'The Old Rail Track', starting next to Turner House, Penarth (ST186718).

On Tuesday, July 5, 10am, Crwydro Ynys Y Barri, Corsaf Reilffordd, Ynys Y Barri.

On Wednesday, July 6 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Visitor Centre, Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on July 6 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit coffee shop strollers meet at Llantwit Major Town Hall car park.

Where's Wally?

GRIFFIN Books in Penarth on Windsor Road is holding a 'Where's Wally?'-themed day this Saturday (July 2).

There will be a giant colouring wall for children (or adults), special offers on 'Where's Wally?' books, and a prize for the best Wally lookalike. Entry is free with refreshments provided.

PACT in Barry and Rhosne

Gibbonsdown drop-in at Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry every Monday from 10am - 12pm.

Gibbonsdown PACT at the Residents' Board Office, Gibbonsdown Rise on Tuesday, July 5 at 10.30am.

Illyd PACT on July 7 at All Saints' church hall, Park Road, Barry at 7.30pm.

Buttrills PACT at Barry Town Council Offices on Thursday, June 30 at 6.30pm.

Cadoc at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry

from 11am - 1pm on Thursday, July 7.

Rhosne coffee and chat on Monday, July 18 at Fontygary Caravan Park at 11am.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent councillors will be holding a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, July 2 from 9.30am - 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Messy Church

MESSY Church takes place on Monday, July 4 at Crossway Methodist Church from 3.30pm.

Bible stories, crafts, snack, singing and lots of fun! All welcome.

TaxHelp for older people

TOP income tax surgery will be held on Monday, July 4 from 10am - 12pm. Free professional advice is offered to older people on a restricted income at Roz Couzens' Chiropractic Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major CF61 1RB.

No appointment is necessary, and home visits can be arranged for those unable to visit in person on 0845 6 013321 or 01308 488066, TOP's helpline.

Friends of the Earth

THE next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be on Tuesday, July 5 at 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Topics likely to be discussed include the recent EU Referendum and the proposed

incinerator at Barry dock.

Play centre disco

A CHILDREN'S end-of-term disco is to be held at Coconuts, the children's play centre.

It will take place on Thursday, July 7 from 6.30pm - 8.15pm and is suitable for children from three to 11 years. Book online at www.nutsaboutfun.com/events.

Table top sale

A TABLE top sale will take place hosted by the Operational Excellence Directorate in Alexandra Gardens on Saturday, July 9 from 11am - 3pm; this is to raise funds to buy toys for the sensory bush.

Admission is free, refreshments at low cost; to book a table for the day costs £7. For information contact 01446 411067.

Market Theatre performance

CADS' next performance will be 'Let's Fly Away',

consisting of two one-act comedies set in an airport departure lounge, on July 13 - 16, at 7.30pm at The Market Theatre, The Butts, Cowbridge, CF71 7AP (next to the Scout hall).

Doors and Jim's bar open from 7pm; tickets £7 from 07734543928.

First Aid for dads

BARRY Round Table is offering dads in Barry first aid training to cover basic elements including CPR and choking, in readiness for the school holidays.

The course is hosted in association with Barry Town United AFC at its clubhouse on July 20 and will run from 7pm - 10pm.

This is a free event and includes a pie and a pint.

The 20 spaces available will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To book a place visit dadsfirstaid.eventbrite.co.uk.

New musical takes to the WMC stage

A brand new musical, written and produced locally, is to be performed at the Wales Millennium Centre (WMC) - after two music and drama students reunited after 33 years.

In the early 1980s, two students met while studying at The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, one on the drama side and the other on the music side.

A total of 33 years passed and the drama student received an email from the music student, asking if he'd like to direct a musical she had written.

That is how actor/director Ieuan Rhys and musician/composer Katherine Cole reunited after many a year.

The musical, *I Merlin And The Lady Of Flowers*, by Katherine Cole and Jane King is an adaptation of Blodeuwedd's story from the Mabinogion.

A lady of flowers is created by Gwydion especially for Llew Llaw Gyffes as he is unable to marry a human being, due to the curse set on him by his mother Arianrhod.

It is a retelling of a classical Celtic myth expressed through 21st century music.

Love, lust, owls and eagles illustrate the story, with Merlin himself as the wise narrator, all expressed in soaring song and original words.

The cast consists of many amateur actors from the Penarth and Cardiff area, with a few

from further afield - Swansea and Neath.

Merlin is played by Dan Lambert - recently seen on BBC4 with Rhod Gilbert and Midge Ure in *The UK's Best Part-Time Band* as guitarist and vocalist with the group, Johnny Cage & The Voodooogroove.

"We have a great show and a great cast," said director Ieuan Rhys - best known for his acting roles in *Pobol Y Cwm*, *Gwaith Cartref*, *Doctor Who* and *The Englishman Who Went Up A Hill...*

"We have to rely on people's dedication to Kath and the show," he said "as Night Owl

Theatre are producing this show with no financial backing".

Rehearsals have gone well - meeting every Sunday at the Church Hall in Penarth, with a cast of 23 - adults, teenagers and children.

"It's a thrill for the cast to be performing at the Weston Studio in the Wales Millennium Centre. Such an illustrious venue," said Ieuan.

Three shows will be performed at The Weston Studio: on Saturday July 9, and twice on Sunday July 10. Tickets are available from the Box Office - 02920 636464

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124621, 545262, 404785, 872923, 250630, 658462, 874541, 718065, 629337, 765557, 624932, 681790, 143679, 250410, 204147, 224220, 299555, 627850, 529693, 960664, 440102, 405995, 310687, 261140, 116757, 556722, 348081, 826127, 620486, 706849, 357342, 102899, 29, 127.

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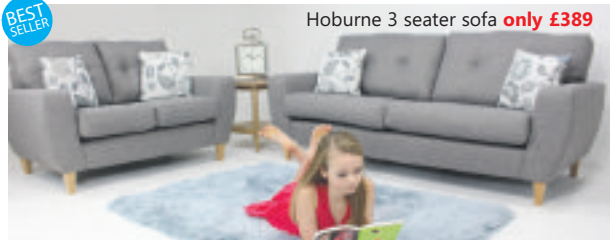


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Young Farmers take to the open road for tractor run



Vintage tractor line-up.

THE Glamorgan Young Farmers Club tractor run has been hailed a success by participants and organisers.

The tractor run was held on Saturday, June 18 at Llanilid Farm, Pencoed by the permission of the Griffiths family and saw farmers swapping fields for roads. Glamorgan Young Farmers together with the support of the Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society put on the event as a fundraiser for Young Farmers members.

The specially-branded Wales YFC purple tractor was at the front of the 33-vehicle convoy which travelled around the county. The three-hour

long route, including modern and vintage tractors plus a token quad bike, took in views of the rural Vale, local villages and the heritage coastline.

Kay Lewis-Thomas, chair of Glamorgan YFC, was very pleased with the turnout on the day and said: "Not having arranged a tractor run previously, the organisation relied on the knowledge of local tractor enthusiasts and keen members to lay the foundations for the event."

"Once we had the route, it was full steam ahead to pull together the stewards and help to make the day run smoothly."

"With the weather on our side, we certainly achieved that, making the day even more enjoyable



Kay Lewis-Thomas (Glamorgan YFC chair) and Vicky Hope (Wales YFC chair) pictured with the Wales YFC branded tractor.

for everyone. I would farming, agriculture and like to extend my thanks to everyone who made associated industries.

For more information about Glamorgan Young Farmers, contact county organiser Gwyneth Thomas by e-mail: glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk or call 07779 331839. You can also visit www.glamorganyfc.co.uk and follow @GlamorganYFC on Twitter or 'like' the 'GlamorganYFC' page on Facebook for regular updates.

'Local Treasures' captured by photographer



Les Loosemore explains his craft to Canon Edward Evans.

AN exhibition of more than 150 printed images was staged in Ewenny Priory as part of the Ewenny Festival earlier in June.

The display was the work of local photographer, Les Loosemore and opened with a reception attended by about 60 guests keen to preview Mr Loosemore's work.

The images covered subjects as diverse and compelling as close-ups of flora and fauna, brooding landscape, as well as a number of detailed shots capturing shafts of light through stained glass or studies of symmetry.

Mounted on archive paper, these images reinforced the photographer's assertion that composition is at the centre of what he refers to as his "seeing eye" - here illustrated in his finding the point of interest in a landscape or on a butterfly's wing.

Based in Bridgend, Mr Loosemore worked in newspapers photographing football, rugby and cricket matches before expanding into landscape, the natural world, buildings and heritage.

He is a keen supporter of Ewenny Arts Festival and future exhibitions are already in the planning stages.

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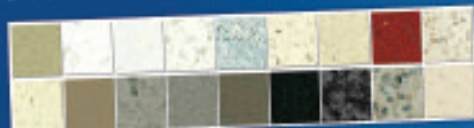
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FEW films left a mark on my youth as much as *Independence Day*. The 1996 blockbuster that established Will Smith as a box office star was a cultural phenomenon, taking over that summer and leaving a shadow over it as large as the alien spaceships that descended on the earth's capital cities.

Given how much of a

success it was, it's surprising that it has taken 20 years for a sequel to reach cinemas (although one was mooted and then booted in the early 2000s), but the wait is over and *Independence Day: Resurgence* now looms into view.

Set two decades after the events of the first film, earth has developed the alien technology left behind to improve the planet and its defences against further alien invasions, led by the returning David Levinson (Jeff Goldblum).

However, when the aliens, chastened by

their defeat, return to wreak havoc with even more powerful technology, it's down to David and heroes past and present (Bill Pullman, Liam Hemsworth and Jessie T Usher) to stand up and be counted – and defeat the aliens again...

One of the most notable cast members not to return for a second slice of "kicking ET's ass" was Will Smith – it appears, finally, that Mr Smith has developed something of a quality control as *Independence Day: Resurgence* is a hollow and vacuous blockbuster, not without

a small degree of merit, but one lacking across the board.

The set-up is a sound one, the 20-year gap between films being replicated in the movie's timeline – earth has developed ways and means of utilising alien technology to improve the world and create a peace that is (as you would expect) rudely interrupted by some less-than-happy aliens.

Yet it's worth noting that also in that 20-year period, Roland Emmerich has gone from making fun popcorn fodder like the original film to turgid, overly-bombastic fare

like *2012*, *10,000 BC* and *White House Down* – and this is not the film where Emmerich gets his mojo back.

There is little arguing that the level of spectacle is hugely impressive (no-one does titanic carnage like Emmerich) and the set-pieces, if a little too reminiscent of the last outing, certainly have a degree of thrill and spill.

It is, however, poorly edited, the various plots bouncing around and never quite settling, and while Emmerich laces his carnage with a subtle humour here and there (will The White House make it unscathed?) it all feels a bit too predictable, a bit tired and worn-out.

But it's beyond this that the film really fails, not only as a sequel but also as regards character and story. The story is flat and retreads the first film with a few sly changes here and there, yet feels laborious and overly complex at

times, while the characters, in the main, are merely the bland leading the bland.

The returning players give a kick of nostalgia, but it's only Jeff Goldblum's sardonic weariness (always welcome) and Brent Spiner's Dr Okun (with the best story) that you ever engage in. The rest are just there for that nostalgia hit, with one character in particular thrown in for no good reason and leaving as quickly as they enter.

The new cast equally fail to linger. While Liam Hemsworth makes for an engaging and witty hero, the likes of Maika Monroe and Jessie T Usher are lacking in personality and depth, while the presence of a Chinese character who is given absolutely nothing to do is perhaps the worst example yet of a Hollywood blockbuster attempting to woo a burgeoning market.

By the time the film

reaches its overblown climax, which feels like a poor rip-off of a sequence from Gareth Edwards' *Monsters*, you'll probably care little about whether or not the aliens can be defeated.

While the first film was, in its own way, equally as rapid and jingoistic, it also had characters you cared about, a story you could engage in – sadly the same cannot be said about *Independence Day: Resurgence*.

VERDICT – Silly and overblown, yet too bland and vacuous to connect, *Independence Day: Resurgence* is an unwelcome sequel.

The action may thrill, but the story and characters fatally fail to engage and you're left with an unabashed visual overload of carnage with nothing to underpin it. Poor.

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An inspiring meeting for WI members

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As befitting the objectives of the WI, the day was filled with education, debate, fun and friendship.

Janice Langley, NFWI chair, welcomed everybody and reflected on the success of the 2015 centenary celebrations and the success of the organisation as a whole.

She said that the WI was thriving with over 250,000 members – 60,000 of whom had joined in the last year.

Mrs Langley thanked the board of trustees and members for their support and hard work and said that we continue to be a robust and responsible organisation facing the challenges of the 21st century.

After hearing from experts, the two resolutions for 2016 were passed. These allow the WI to encourage supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste and address food poverty; and to campaign for appropriate care in hospital for people with dementia.

Two speakers entertained and inspired the members. BBC Trust chairman Rona Fairhead talked about her new role as chair and the challenges that faced her. Baroness D' Souza, Speaker of the House of Lords, told the members about the role of the upper house and its work in our parliamentary system.

At the end of the day, the members celebrated the Queen's official birthday by singing 'Happy Birthday' accompanied by a brass band. The fun continued with a mini 'Last Night of the Proms' with much flag waving and laughter. JANE EXELL.

Artist donates sculptures to college

ONE of the Middle East's most celebrated international artists has donated two striking outdoor sculptures to the students of an international college in south Wales, in support of their mission to use education as a force for peace in the world.

The artworks were created and donated to UWC Atlantic College by Nadim Karam, an internationally renowned sculptor, painter, urban artist and architect from Beirut.

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The estate agent will sponsor, for the third year running, the T-shirts worn by those taking part.

Mair's Walk was set up by Mair ap Gruffydd, who was given a 50 per cent chance of living for two years after being diagnosed with lung cancer 10 years ago.

Each year, the event attracts more than 1,000 walkers and raises money for Velindre Cancer Centre's Stepping Stones Appeal, which was set up for Mair's Walk. The appeal was launched to increase awareness and raise the money necessary to continue to fund and expand Velindre's research programmes.

Since the first walk in 2006, the walk has raised over £240,000 for the Velindre campaign.

This year, all previous walk leaders will be joining to celebrate a decade of

Mair's Walk. These include Max Boyce, Huw Edwards, Kevin Ellis, Robert Jones, Jamie Baulch and they will all be leading the three-mile walk from Bridgend Recreation Centre to Ogmere Farm via Merthyr Mawr and the Stepping Stones.

Spectators and walkers can enjoy the day's entertainment, including a refreshments marquee at Ogmere Farm, with a hog roast and bar. There will also be a performance by the Bridgend Male Voice Choir, a Neil Diamond tribute act and a disco.

Fancy dress is optional and open to all participants, and a prize will be given for the best outfit.

Those who wish to take part in the walk can pick up an entry form from HRT's office in Bridgend or from the Bridgend Foot Clinic.

Registration will also be open on the day, from 9am-10.45am, at a cost of £10. Free T-shirts will be given on a first come, first serve basis. The walk starts at 11am, at the rear of Bridgend Recreation Centre (Halo Leisure Centre) with the release of doves.

Penarth Aviation society goes 'Down Under'!

THIS coming Friday, July 1, the Penarth Aviation Society will have the opportunity to find out about some exotic aircraft museums.

Last November, society member John Andrew flew to Australia for a sight-seeing tour

with his wife. Naturally, with his keen interest in all things aeronautical, this included visits to significant aircraft museums.

John tells us he started in Singapore looking at the Singapore Air Force Museum, which includes two Hawker Hunter jets.

From Singapore to Melbourne and the

RAAF Museum at Point Cook, home of the world's oldest continuously operating aircraft, which has been in use since 1914.

With stops at Moorabin (home to a Bristol Beaufighter from World War Two), Alice Springs (home to a rare de Havilland Drovier in the famous 'Flying Doctor' colours), John ended up at Sydney where he was able to see one of only two Super Constellation aircraft left from the 1950s.

The final stop on this tour was at the Australian Fleet Air Arm Museum at Nowra. It will be interesting to compare this last museum with our own museum at Yeovilton.

We will doubtless be well informed about historical Antipodean aviation at the meeting's conclusion!

The meeting will be held in the Penarth Conservative Club on Friday, July 1 at 7.45pm for 8pm and visitors are welcome to attend for a small donation.

DAVID EPHRAIM (Penarth Aviation Society)

Policy update for Glamorgan farmers

NFU Cymru head of policy, Dylan Morgan, will address the next Glamorgan NFU Cymru county meeting on Wednesday, July 6 at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm and will include a policy briefing from Mr Morgan. He will provide an update on the political landscape following the EU Referendum outcome and the possible implications for Welsh agriculture. Mr Morgan will also provide information on the

current policy issues affecting farmers, including the basic payment scheme (BPS) and livestock movement rules.

Abi Reader, Glamorgan NFU Cymru county chairman said: "We are extremely grateful to Mr Morgan for agreeing to come and speak at the meeting. The outcome of the Referendum is clearly something that will affect Welsh agriculture long into the future and it will be interesting to discuss this further with Glamorgan farmers. The meeting is open to all members and I hope we get a good turnout."

RUBBISH EFFORT REWARDS COLCOT!



COLCOT Primary School's 'eco council' was in action last week, carrying out a litter-pick.

One of the eco council's aims for this year was to improve their local community, so on went the gloves and

high-visibility jackets and out came the litter grabbers.

The pupils collected a whole bin bag full of litter from the streets and park close to the school, making it a cleaner and more pleasant place to be for everyone.

What's on and where?

Councillors' surgery

COUNCILLORS Dr Ian Johnson, Steffan William, Nic Hodges and Shirley Hodges will hold their regular surgery at the community room in the county library, King Square, Barry from 11am - 12pm on Saturday, July 2. No appointments are necessary.

Penarth sale THE Friends of Penarth Library are having a plant and cake sale at Penarth library from 12pm on Saturday, July 2.

Please come and support your local library.

Harriers' reunion

BARRY and Vale Harriers' reunion is inviting past members to the Tynewydd Inn, Barry on Tuesday, July 12 at 8pm to recall old memories.

Shadows Club THE South Wales Shadows Club will meet on July 12 in The Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth (02920 309979).

Come along and play - bring your guitar, (use our PA etc) or just come to listen. Licensed bar from 8 pm. All are

Group's meeting

SAVING Sully Group is holding a public meeting regarding proposals to build on Sully sports field on Thursday, June 30 at 7.30pm at the Jubilee Hall Sully.

A spokesman said: "We recommend that all residents attend to be updated on the current position."

welcome.

Age Connects advice

IF you own your own home, are interested in equity release and want to find out more information, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding an advice session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, July 5 from 10am to 12pm when you will be able to get advice from an independent adviser.

No appointment is needed, just come along; for further

information call 01446 732385.

Eisteddfod choir call

THIS year Abergavenny hosts the national Eisteddfod during the first week of August. Cor Dysgwyr is a choir of non-Welsh speakers formed to compete, on Thursday, Aug 4.

Rehearsals are on Monday from 6pm - 7pm in Trinity church hall, Barry.

Social bingo event in town

THE last meeting in Cowbridge was its usual success and it was pleasing to see Wally occupying his usual seat, following his return from a very serious operation.

Our reserve ticket sellers, Janette and her granddaughter Jordanne won a few prizes between them - good teamwork!

Thanks to everyone who brought unwanted wedding presents for disposal in the raffle. The only unhappy winner was the girl who won the solid granite

decanter - she could not get any wine out of it!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, July 7 - 7pm for 7.30pm at the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall. The main prize will be a luncheon voucher for two at that prestigious eating house, The Market Place in Cowbridge. The winners should insist on being served by the Brazilian Bombshell Maria, who will engulf you the moment you enter the premises!

Do join us for bingo, good fun, sumptuous food (no charge), not forgetting to bring your bingo dabber, wine, and some friends.

BASIL WATKINS

RBL 'Handy Van' helps veterans

THE Royal British Legion 'Handy Van' is on manoeuvres in Barry.

The van is equipped for small repairs and minor adaptations to the homes of former Armed Forces personnel and their dependants - if they are in receipt of a means-tested benefit or pension credits.

For further information, visit the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, from 10am to midday on Tuesday, July 5. An adviser from the RBL's 'Poppy Calls' service will be available to chat with.

Backing for RBL's 'Count Them In' campaign



Andrew RT Davies meeting ex-serviceman Andrew Davies to back the RBL's 'Count Them In' campaign.

ANDREW RT Davies AM has given his backing to the Royal British Legion's 'Count Them In' campaign, which calls for questions on HM Armed Forces to be included in the next UK Census.

It is estimated that there are currently between 6.5 million and 6.7 million members of the Armed Forces living in the UK, representing about a tenth of the population.

Little is known about the exact numbers, location and needs of this significant group. Including new questions on the next census would provide public bodies, local authorities and charities with valuable information to ensure they are able to deliver the best services they can for former and serving Forces personnel.

Mr Davies met with representatives from the Royal British Legion (RBL), service personnel and veterans to discuss the campaign.

Speaking after the meeting, Mr Davies said: "I was delighted to meet with members of the Armed Forces community who, along with their families, make

huge sacrifices in the service of our country.

"The RBL carries out hugely important and significant work on behalf of the Armed Forces and I am pleased to hear more and back its 'Count Them In' campaign.

"It simply cannot be right that our servicemen and women, veterans and their families are effectively hidden from official statistics, so I'm only too happy to back the call for new questions to be added to the next UK Census.

"We count on them - let's count them in."

Chris Simpkins, director-general of The Royal British Legion, said: "As a nation we promise to provide lifelong care and support for those who serve our country. By adding questions to the 2021 UK Census, we can help public bodies and charities deliver the best services they can for our Armed Forces, when and where it is needed most."

The public can find out more about the campaign by visiting the website, www.britishlegion.org.uk/census, or by posting their own pledge of support on social media using the hashtag #CountThemIn.

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1950s sitting room helps dementia patients focus

Left to right: George Drummond, Lyn James and Susan Beck.

A 1950s-style sitting room at University Hospital, Llandough (UHL) is helping patients with dementia to 'refocus'.

"The Cwtch" at UHL is the brainchild of Ben Ford, ward manager and Katherine Martinson, refocusing nurse on ward East 18.

East 18 is part of the Mental Health Services for Older People service at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and provides care for patients with dementia and Alzheimer's who require hospital admission, often for a long period of time.

George Drummond,



from Pen-y-lan, has been instrumental in the decoration of the Cwtch giving up his free time to wallpaper and tile the room. George's wife, Elaine, was admitted to

the unit in November 2015 but died in May. George has scoured local charity shops and markets to find items that would fit the room, some of which he has re-varnished or made himself to keep costs at a minimum.

George said: "When you have a relative in hospital, there is a lot going on in your mind, and at times it is nice to be able to switch off from what's going on here medically and get involved in a project to benefit everyone."

"Little things like finding wallpaper, tiles or visiting markets and charity shops just takes your mind off things."

Edmund Halley, by studying and recognising familiar comets, was able to predict the return, in 1758, of a comet later named after him. After his death, he was proved to be right.

As a comet gets closer to the Sun, the ice turns into gas, known as a 'coma' and this is the familiar comet tail we see, the tail always facing away from the Sun's strong winds.

Charles Messier (1730-1817), a French astronomer, discovered five new comets and offered to name them after members of the French Royal family in return for large sums of money. He duly became very rich. He continued to find new ones and eventually listed around 100 and his list is still in common use today.

Comets can be dangerous to us on Earth as they hurtle through space without, as David said, any brakes. Earth suffered a heavy bombardment 3.8 million years ago and a comet hit in Arizona has left a crater one mile wide and one mile deep.

In 1908, a comet exploded in the sky above Tunguska, Russia, and caused massive devastation which is still visible, but fortunately no deaths.

Strikes seem to occur every 1,000 years or so but are completely unpredictable.

The vote of thanks was given by Graham Russell.

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a really calming atmosphere in here which is such a contrast to what it was like before. It restores a little bit of normality to patients, giving them a space to potter about in and this is the key to the success of the area."

Katherine and Ben are both grateful for the support, interest and commitment from families and carers who helped to make the Cwtch into the comfortable space it is now.

Susan Beck's husband William, from Barry, is a patient on East 18. Susan believes that places such as East 18 are essential for families and patients and every time you

come through the door you see a friendly face and know that your loved ones are being cared for.

She said: "The Cwtch is so positive and offers so much for people who live in the past and don't live in today."

"The majority of people may not realise that with dementia and Alzheimer's, the brain looks backwards not forwards, so any form of stimulation from the past for people like my husband and other patients is essential."

Lyn James' husband, Roger, is a patient on the ward. She describes the Cwtch as a great addition because it's somewhere he can go and listen to music through the old records provided.

Lyn said: "Everybody has really signed up and got involved in the decoration of the room and wanted to bring things in to contribute. I'm still keeping a look out now for things when I'm out and about that I think would be nice in here."

"It really does benefit patients and it has been proven by how often the area is being used. It has been such an enjoyable project for everyone and it's nice for people who have visitors to have somewhere else to sit, too."

Queen's birthday bash helps raise funds for Tenovus

ON June 12 residents, both past and present, of roads near Flanders Farm celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday, and enjoyed a fun filled afternoon together.

However, it was a double celebration as Tim Moss of Flanders Farm had been awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to the community.

Continuing the community spirit, some £850 was raised on the day in memory of local resident Mike Johanson Brown, who died that same weekend. The funds will be donated to Tenovus.

Weddings are to the fore at St Andrew's



St Andrew's Major Golf Club welcomed guests to its first wedding ceremony earlier this month. Club member Jerry Joyce and his wife Michelle enjoyed their experience so much that they said: "We woke up in the morning wanting to do it all over again!"

Model regatta takes to the Cold Knap lake



VALE of Glamorgan Model Boat Club held a regatta at Cold Knap on Saturday, June 4 – the club's first major event.

A spokesman said: "Clubs from south Wales and south west England attended making the day a great success."

"Boats of many styles, sizes, and design where on display for the public to enjoy."

"Thanks must go to the 'Vale Council Parks and Open Spaces' Officers who's support and assistance was invaluable."

"For more club information people can visit our website www.vgmbc.org or pop down for a chat any Tuesday or Saturday 10am till 1pm."



HOME CUP LOSS FOR CADOXTON

THE Munro Cup match at Victoria Park, between Cadoxton and Sully Sports resulted in both sides winning two rinks each, but the aggregate going in favour of the visitors.

Howard Craven's rink scored a '4' on the opening end against Keith Roman's rink, but a '4' against on the sixth end took away the lead.

However the advantage was recovered on the 12th and held until the end.

Don Kuhnell also scored a '4' on the first end against Charles Coomber, and the ascendancy was held throughout the game.

After 11 ends the score had reached 18-5, but the visitors rallied in the closing stages and were successful in five of the last seven, very tight, ends, with one end tied, but not enough for victory.

John Jones skipped against Bob Matthews and struggled to stay in the game, scoring just a single during the opening six ends.

A mini revival brought six shots in three ends, but a further four ends were lost, before a spirited reply improved the position with eight shots in the final ends.

On the final rink skip Kelvin Chedzoy met previous Cadoxton player Graham Brown, who had an advantage of knowing the green better than the home players.

This showed throughout the game and a comprehensive result went in the visitors' favour.

Scores: W Craven, D Hammond, I

Robertson, H Craven 18-14 R Knight, P Holland, B Whyman, K Romans; J Stacey, G Solomon, D Evans, D Kuhnell 19-13 B Daniels, M Morgan, G Trickett, C Coomber; E Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, D Fanning, J Jones 15-23 D Austin, M Stafford, A Collard, B Matthews; R Morris, I Heppenstall, R Byrne, K Chedzoy 9-21 J Kirk, P Robbins, G Currie, G Brown. Final score: 61-71.

CADOXTON A V CENTRAL
Cadoxton A side came out on top in this home ML7 match with Central.

Ian Heppenstall had a comfortable win on his rink with S Downer as the opposite number. With the score at 11-9, a '5' boosted the home score which opened a substantial lead and improved even more in the final ends.

Roy Harding scored a '6' on the 13th end to boost his close advantage against John Wathes, and held the advantage to the end.

Central had a player short in the final rink which was skipped by Don Goddard against David Fanning, but they managed to win their game after losing a quarter of their score.

Scores: E Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, J Jones, D Fanning 14-16 M Heale, G Carstairs, D Goddard; A Carpenter, A Prince, I Robertson, R Byrne 16-11 D Hunt, A Castle, A Rogers, T Goddard; W Craven, G Solomon, H Craven, I Heppenstall 23-12 R Pearce, J Froud, T Kaged, S Downer; R Morris, M Curtis, D Hammond, R Harding 21-12 B Parker, P Harris, G Goldthorpe, J Wathes. Final score: 74-51.

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Millwood Bowls Club news round-up

MILLWOOD came a fairly distant second place in this latest round of the Munro Cup against a determined Murch side whose rink 5, skipped by R. Mauchlin, managed a 20 shot winning margin over Millwood, thereby ensuring that the 75-58 win went to the away side.

The signs looked a bit ominous for Millwood, even after the first four ends had been played when Murch galloped into a 5-28 shot advantage.

At the eighth end, the score had not changed too dramatically, for Murch still held a commanding lead over Millwood to lead by the margin of 21 shots to 42.

As hard as they tried to make any kind of imprint on the lead, Millwood, after the 13th end had been played, were still 41 shots to 59 in arrears, only to finish the cup tie going down by the 17 shot difference.

Travelling up to Blaenrhondda for this division 4 league game,

Millwood went into this game lying second with Blaenrhondda in third place, so a bit of a keen tussle was expected with neither side wanting to give the other any leeway if possible.

When the first five of the 21 ends had been played, Millwood found themselves behind by seven shots at 14-21, but they soon got to grips with their game plan - after the 10th both teams were level pegging with

the score 40-40.

The home side then started to pull away from Millwood, for after the 15th end, Blaenrhondda had opened up a 19 shot margin to lead by 44 shots to 63.

Blaenrhondda held onto their lead, and at the final end the score was in their favour, 85-73. Thanks to Blaenrhondda for their hospitality after the game.

Entertaining Barry Masonic in a friendly game, there were a few

players playing for Masonic, so there was just a little bit of 'one-upmanship' to the game played.

Millwood had opened up the slightest of leads after the fourth end to 9 shots to 8, which Masonic soon turned around, and at the eighth end Masonic were leading by 19 shots to 25.

The lead increased even further after the 13th end, because Masonic were in front by

the margin of 11 shots at 34 shots to 45.

Although Millwood, tried to turn the score around, Masonic held onto their lead and ran out winners by a margin of only six shots, 57-63 being the final score.

This weekend, July 1-3, at Millwood, the Deaf Bowlers Internationals are taking place. The four home nations are playing so support would be welcome.

Cowbridge edge thriller

COWBRIDGE CC's first XI won their second successive game on Saturday at Bronwydd to lift themselves out of the SWCA Division One relegation zone.

With three balls remaining Cowbridge needed two to win with nine wickets down. A scampered single levelled the score, a dot ball heightened the drama but a sneaked single from the ever cool Joe Russell was enough to get the lads home.

The picturesque Bronwydd ground nestles in the Towy Valley north of Carmarthen. Cowbridge skipper Chris Willey won the toss

and invited the home side to bat.

An excellent spell from Jake George (3-13 off 10) was well backed up by Thomas Harper (2-24) and towards the end of the innings by Rian Thomas (2-23).

The home total was 155 all out in what proved to be a crucial 49 overs allowing Cowbridge 51 to get the target.

At first it seemed the target would be easily achievable. Tom Merilaht and Chris Willey (34) getting the score to 77 before Chris was bowled.

Tom ploughed on but wickets fell as the score mounted. By the time Merilaht left the scene for a well played 53 there were 14 needed with three wickets left.

Some lusty blows from

Matthew Harper (13) and brother Thomas (12) got Cowbridge to the verge of success but a run out left them needing composure as the final moments were played out.

It was Thomas Harper who took the plaudits for his fearless hitting towards the end and eventually getting the team home.

Cowbridge's good form in the past three weeks gives hope for a decent finishing spot. The halfway mark will be reached when Llanelli visit the Athletic Ground on Saturday.

Don't forget the MCC visit on Friday and it's the president's lunch on Sunday - for further information call Jeffrey Bird on 07976 793629.

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WOODLANDS ROAD, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- EN SUITE & DRESSING ROOM
- TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- DOUBLE GARAGE
- UPVC DIG & GCH VIA COMBI BOILER
- ER-D

£144,950

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



COURT ROAD, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM
- ORIGINAL FEATURES REMAINING
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST/UTILITY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- 24 X 18FT GARAGE
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
- ER-D

£155,500

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



GLAMORGAN STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- UPVC DIG & GCH
- DRIVEWAY WITH AMPLE PARKING
- LEVEL ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO CHAIN
- ER-E

£157,500

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



DUNRAVEN STREET, BARRY

- THROUGH LIVING/DINING ROOM
- SEMI DETACHED
- REPLACEMENT WET ROOM TO G. FLOOR
- THREE BEDROOMS (EN SUITE)
- MASTER ENSUITE BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN WITH GARAGE
- NO CHAIN
- ER-D

£159,950

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT




WHITMORE PARK DRIVE, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOMS
- MODERN KITCHEN
- DINING ROOM - OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- DRIVEWAY PROVIDING OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO CHAIN
- ER-D

£164,950

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



WHITMORE PARK DRIVE, BARRY

- CORNER POSITIONED SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOMS
- DINING - OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- GCH VIA COMBI BOILER
- LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
- ER-C

£179,950

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



NELSON ROAD, BARRY

- VICTORIAN SEMI DETACHED DWELLING
- GROUND FLOOR, CONSERVATORY
- KITCHEN OFFICE, W.C. & SHOWER ROOM
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO B. MASTER BEDROOM, ENSUITE BATHROOM
- GARAGE, AMPLA PARKING
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- ER-D

£179,950

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



OXFORD STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- UTILITY AREA W.C. CLOAKROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS
- BACKING ONTO WOODLAND
- VIEWING HIGHLY ADVISED
- ER-D

£189,000

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



OXFORD STREET, BARRY

- WELL PRESENTED & SPACIOUS
- MID TERRACED BAY FRONTED
- LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- UTILITY AREA W.C. CLOAKROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS
- INFORMAL COSY/ATMOSPHERIC ROOM
- ENCLOSED SOUTH FACING GARDEN
- ER-D

£199,950

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



WHITE FARM, BARRY

- PERSIMMON BUILT - 1 YEAR
- SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- NO CHAIN
- ER-D

£199,999

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY

- BAY FRONTED SEMI DETACHED
- THROUGH LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- MODERN FAMILY BATHROOM
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING HIGHLY ADVISED
- ER-E

£224,950

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT




BLODYN Y GOG, BARRY

- SPLIT LEVEL PROPERTY
- 3 BEDROOMS
- GROUND FL. CLOAKROOM/LOUNGE WITH BALCONY
- DINING ROOM, KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- BEDROOM/STUDY
- LOWER LEVEL: 3 BEDROOMS
- EN SUITE SHOWER ROOM
- FAMILY BATHROOM & UTILITY
- PARKING FOR SEVERAL CARS
- ER-D

£259,950

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



BARRY ROAD, BARRY

- SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED DWELLING
- ORIGINALLY 4 CAR GARAGE
- TO THE GROUND FL. - THREE REC. ROOMS
- KITCHEN OFFICE, W.C. & SHOWER ROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS, LAUNDRY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO CHAIN - VACANT POSSESSION
- DG - GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- ER-D

£324,999

SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



MARINE DRIVE, BARRY

- MODERN DETACHED DWELLING
- LIVING ROOM
- STUDY/SITTING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN/UTILITY RM
- FOUR BEDROOMS, MASTER EN-SUITE
- DOUBLE GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO CHAIN
- ER-D

£379,950

Cross country league concludes season with awards presentation



THE final meeting and presentations for the Bridgend Primary Schools Cross Country League were held at Brynteg Comprehensive School on June 18.

During the winter season, pupils from the majority of the Bridgend primary schools took part, with an average of 350 children competing at each fixture.

The school with the highest overall points was West Park Primary, closely followed by Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr and Maes Yr Haul Primary.

The cups for the winning schools within each age group, plus the individual trophies were kindly provided by the Rotary Club

of Bridgend and presented by their club president, Mr Alan Reeks.

Mr Reeks commended all the children that had taken part and congratulated all the age group winners. He thanked Mel James, together with Neil Clode (deputy head of Llangewydd Primary) and Mari Higginson (Bridgend AC) for their fantastic job in organising the league throughout the winter months.

Mr James conveyed his thanks to all the teachers/parents/grandparents for their support throughout the year and the Rotary Club of Bridgend for their sponsorship.

He said that once again he took pleasure and pride in helping to promote running for school children within the Bridgend area.

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Llantwit Major Juniors hold under-8s presentation



HAVING finished their season at the end of May, Llantwit Major Junior Football Club under-8s finally arranged their presentation evening at the Windmill Lane Pavilion on Friday night.

It had been a great season once again and you could see that all players had improved their game since their first match back in September.

All players had coped well with the move from astro turf to grass, playing with an extra player, bigger goals and having to learn the new position of goalkeeper.

When we started the season every player wanted to play out field so it was decided to rotate all players in goal to give them a turn and everyone has grabbed the opportunity and given it a really good go.

Week after week, the players have done themselves proud playing the various teams of the Vale and matching the bigger teams from Barry, which are loaded with Academy players.

We've also given good accounts of ourselves

when we had the opportunity to play the Swansea City ADC in Bridgend, took part in a festival run by the Swansea City Academy and had players represent the club at the Cardiff City showcases.

Robert Kemp, coach of the Saints, opened the night with his awards going to Callum Willbond for most improved player, Joseph Taylor for players' player and Ethan Bacon for player of the year.

Andrew Collinson, coach of the Lions, followed and his awards went to Luke Collinson for most improved player, Harrison Edwards for players' player and Finley Wheaton for their player of the year.

Ian Godsell, coach of the Dragons, finished the night with awards for Lili Callard for most improved player, Joseph Kincaid for players'

player and Connor Williams for player of the year.

Once the awards were out of the way and the kids had completed their Euro 2016 Panini swaps, they ran off for a kick about leaving the parents to prop up the bar!

Thank you to all the players for their efforts this season at both training and at matchday plus the parents and grandparents for their support.

Many thanks to Llantwit Cavaliers for allowing the use of the Pavilion, Lee Jones from Llantwit Major AFC first team for giving up an hour of his evening to present the awards, plus Dawie and Rhodri from Farmers Pantry for supplying the meat and grill which went down a storm - everyone commented on how tasty the burgers were!

IG

PORTHCAWL KARATE TEAM HAS SUCCESSFUL CHAMPIONSHIPS



PORTHCAWL Shotokan Karate had its biggest success to date climbing to third most successful club in Wales in the medals table with seven gold, one silver and 11 bronze medals at the KUGB Welsh Championships.

The annual event was held in the Rhydyccar leisure centre in Merthyr Tydfil with many clubs travelling from all over Wales.

The competition was divided into two main disciplines *Kata* (set forms) and *Kumite* (fighting), both of which are very dynamic and exciting events to watch.

Every single competitor from Porthcawl was outstanding, showing huge determination and courage.

The medals tally is as follows:

Rachel Edwards Gold In Senior Ladies Kata and Team Kata; Penny Sinclair Gold in Girls Kata, Kumite and Team

Kata; Ellis Powell Gold in Boys Kumite; Brooke Griffiths Silver in Girls Kumite; Charlotte Parry Gold in Team Kata, Bronze in Senior Ladies Kata and Bronze in Team Kumite; Ellie Morris Bronze in Girls Kumite; Cameron Mainwaring Bronze in Boys Kumite; Kayleigh Rees Bronze in Girls Kumite; Pamela Sinclair, Catherine Sinclair and Charlotte Parry Bronze in Ladies Team Kumite; Richard Davies, Ryan Griffiths, James King and Darren Powell Bronze in Mens Team Kumite.

Sensei Christian Whale also received a special award to recognise his achievement of gaining his sixth Dan earlier in the year.

The club train every Monday and Friday in the Glamorgan Hotel, Porthcawl.

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BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

FOLLOWING the success of this year's lessons, which ended on June 16, Bridgend Bridge Club will be running another course of lessons for beginners, starting on Thursday, September 8.

The lessons are held at Nolton Church Hall in Bridgend, from 11.30am until 1.30pm every Thursday, and are suitable for complete beginners, or for those who have played bridge or whist in the past and want to start playing again and develop their knowledge of the game further.

There is also a play session on Thursday afternoons, which will normally be preceded by a short talk aimed at improvers/intermediate players. This will start at 1.30pm, with play being from 2pm until 5pm - there is parking available on site.

RECENT RESULTS

The results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, June 22: First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; second, Mia Deschepper and Mike Pownall; third David Bowen and David Crompton, Linda Pinnock and Ann

Fox, Rob Forman and Alan Heath. The winners on handicap were Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan.

Thursday, June 23: First, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; Second: Gareth Jenkins and Martin Brawn; Third: John Henson and Mike Williams. The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

Friday, June 24: First: Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second: John Henson and Terry Dolan; third, Mike Pownall and Mia Deschepper. The winners on handicap were Dave Reed and Jim Hume.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session. Master points are awarded, but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

For further information please contact Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.

TG

Munro loss for Llantwit Major bowlers

L L A N T W I T their fourth league match.

MAJOR'S mens bowlers' Wednesday Munro Cup fixture against visitors Dinas Powis proved to be another defeat, losing 67-65.

Steve Booker's rink, after being down three shots on the third end, won the next eight ends to go 12 shots up.

Dinas replied by taking the next three ends to reduce the deficit to four shots.

Neville Young's rink started badly, being 12 shots down after five ends. Llantwit came back towards the end of the match when they went on long jacks to go down by seven shots.

Kyle Garrison's rink started slowly, being behind until the fifth end; after this they won most ends to have a great win by 13 shots.

Arthur Hayes' rink failed to score until the seventh end - they only managed to win another three ends to go down heavily.

Llantwit's close neighbours Cowbridge were the visitors for

Llantwit had the advantage playing on grass to have a great win, 121-50.

Graham Jones' rink, in front after the second end, had a lead they never lost, increasing their lead by steady bowling to win by five shots.

Steve Booker's rink had the magic touch, scoring heavily throughout the game with two sixes and two fives to win by a huge margin of 27 shots.

Neville Young's rink also went in front after the second end, scoring on most ends which would have been a greater score if not for Roger Barwick, the Cowbridge skip, who kept bowling good bowls to cut down the score to a win by 13 shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink had another impressive win, scoring five on the first end and continuing in the same vein throughout, piling on the shots with four fives to win by 26 shots.

Rink scores: GJ 21-16, SB 39-12, NY 23-10, CH 38-12.

NY

Brynhill ladies make the final 16 of Welsh golf championship



Members of the team on day two with their caddies. Lynda Lloyd (second right) replaced Jan Robertson in the match.

A TEAM of ladies from Brynhill Golf Club entered the Golf Union of Wales Team Championships last week.

Played over four days, the knockout competition took place on June 16-19, at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club, where 32 teams from golf clubs all over Wales competed.

The Brynhill team, captained by Mrs Sam Pascoe was: Gemma Evans, Linda Hewlett, Ann Phillips, Jan Robertson and Lynda Lloyd. Together with their caddies and supporters, they travelled the short distance to compete.

Day one: The ladies started play in heavy rain but as the rain stopped and the sky cleared, the team won against the



The Day One team: Jan Robertson, Linda Hewlett, Sam Pascoe (captain), Ann Phillips and Gemma Evans.

ladies from Cradoc Golf Club. Wrexham golf club strong team from Club.

Day two: Torrential rain delayed tee off for nearly an hour and although it rained throughout the match, the team battled on. However, the very

Bryn Hafren wins the Cardiff Games!



SPORT Cardiff is pleased to announce that following 18 competitions across 15 sports, the winners of the Cardiff Games Secondary School Competition for 2015-2016 in the Vale of Glamorgan area is Bryn Hafren Comprehensive.

Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and Cowbridge Comprehensive ranked second and third respectively.

This year's Cardiff Games saw 6,783 pupils of varying abilities compete and represent their school at Cardiff's best sporting venues including the International White Water Centre, Boulders Climbing Centre and

Cardiff University's playing fields.

Bryn Hafren competed in 12 of the 18 competitions, with Ysgol Glantaf committing to 14 competitive opportunities for pupils in years 7 to 9.

This has been the first year that Vale schools have been invited to the Games

and it proved a popular decision with seven of the high schools based in the Vale taking part, supported by the Vale sports development team.

For more information on the Cardiff Games, please visit the website www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/cardiff-games.

Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for June 21:

1st Jenny Vaughan & Mark Roderick 61.46%; 2nd Peter Millar & Mike Close 56.77%; 3rd Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews 54.69% - Dave Reed and Bryn Gough won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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COIGNE TERRACE, BARRY
£100,000

Two bedroom bay fronted property situated within the heart of Barry. Accommodation briefly comprising: Entrance porch, Living room, Kitchen, Bathroom to the first floor. Enclosed forecourt and rear garden. NO CHAIN.



LLEWELLYN STREET, BARRY
£104,950

Newly refurbished three bedroom mid terrace property located in central Barry. Accommodation briefly comprising: Entrance hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Modern fitted kitchen and ground floor bathroom. NO CHAIN.



WINDSOR ROAD, BARRY
£107,500

Two double bedroom apartment comprising: Communal hallway, Entrance hall, Open plan lounge/kitchen/diner, Master bedroom with en-suite shower room, NO CHAIN.



BELL STREET, BARRY
£130,000

COMPLETELY RENOVATED THROUGHOUT. Two bedroom mid terrace comprising: Entrance porch, Living room, Modern fitted kitchen, downstairs w.c./utility room and first floor bathroom. NO CHAIN.



LEWIS STREET, BARRY
£181,950

Extended, four bedroom semi detached. Entrance porch, Hallway, Two reception rooms, Kitchen, Utility room, bathroom to ground floor and shower room in first floor. Enclosed rear garden and forecourt. Driveway.



REDBRINK CRESCENT, BARRY
£205,000

Four bedroom bay fronted property comprising: Entrance hallway, Lounge through sitting room, Large kitchen and family bathroom, Utility room.



LISCUM WAY, HIGHLIGHT PARK, BARRY
£239,950

Four bedroom detached property comprising: Entrance hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Utility room, bathroom to ground floor and shower room in first floor. Enclosed rear garden and forecourt. Driveway. NO CHAIN.



PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY
£239,950

Three double bedroom semi-detached property comprising: Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted kitchen, Sun room and Downstairs w.c. Large rear garden. Driveway for four/five vehicles leading to garage.



BARRY ROAD, BARRY
£240,000

Three bedroom semi detached property comprising: Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Utility room, bathroom, Family bathroom. Front and rear large south facing gardens. Driveway and Garage.



FFORDD CWM CIDI, WEST END BARRY
£294,950

Four bedroom detached property comprising: Entrance hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining room, Breakfast room, Family bathroom, Enclosed garden to front and rear. Garden. Driveway and garage.



GWENFO DRIVE, BARRY
£304,950

Four bedroom detached property comprising: Entrance hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Utility room, bathroom to ground floor and shower room in first floor. Gardens to front, side and rear. NO CHAIN.



BIRCH GROVE, BARRY
£305,000

This three bedroom semi detached property situated on the Knap within the West end of Barry. Accommodation briefly comprising: Entrance hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility area, Cloakroom. NO CHAIN.



WELL WALK, BARRY
£305,000

Three bedroom semi detached comprising: Entrance hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Fitted kitchen, Downstairs w.c. Conservatory, Family bathroom, Driveway for two vehicles.



PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY
£335,000

Four bedroom detached chalet style bungalow comprising: Porch, Large entrance hallway, Generous living room, Kitchen/breakfast room, Utility room, Four bedroom shower rooms, Wrap around garden, Carport. NO CHAIN.



TYNEWYDD ROAD, BARRY
£354,950

COMPLETELY REFURBISHED four bedroom detached comprising: Entrance porch, Hallway, Three reception rooms, Kitchen, bathroom, Shower room, Family bathroom, Enclosed garden to front and rear. Wrap around garden. Driveway providing off road parking for two vehicles. Detached garage.



ROMILLY PARK, BARRY
£399,000

Five bedrooms, Entrance porch, Hallway, Three reception rooms, Kitchen, bathroom, Shower room, Family bathroom, Enclosed garden to front and rear. Partial sea views. NO CHAIN.



COLD KNAP WAY, BARRY
£435,000

Detached bungalow comprising: Entrance porch, Dining hall, Kitchen, Conservatory, Utility room, Store room, Cloakroom, Sitting room, Lounge, Bathroom, Pool room, Loft room, Roof terrace, Enclosed front and rear gardens. Double and single garages. NO CHAIN.



PARK ROAD, WEST END, BARRY
£439,000

RARE TO THE MARKET - This well presented and maintained three bedroom detached property comprising: Entrance porch, Hallway, Lounge, Large kitchen, Utility area, Large loft space, Annex with living accommodation.

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MAE Disgybl yn YGG Llangynwyd wedi gwneud y naid o fod yn DJ yn ystod ei amser rhydd, yn dilyn hyfforddiant yn ystod un o glybiau amser cinio Menter Bro Ogwr.

Mae Rhys Upton yn ddisgybl ym mwyddyn 10 yn YGG Llangynwyd ond tra ei fod ef ar y decs, ei enw ef yw SNUPS.

Mae Snups wedi cael pedwar gig yn barod ac yn cael ei bwcio llawer gan Ysgol Cwm Garw, dyna le aeth Rhys fel plentyn.

Hoff gerddoriaeth Snups yw caneuon newydd y 40 uchaf. Mae ef wastad yn chwilio am y gân fwyaf nesaf.

Mae hen ganeuon hefyd yn gweithio i ffordd mewn i setiau SNUPS. Caneuon o Neil Diamond a chwpwl o'r Backstreet Boys yn bennaf meddai fe.

Mae Snups hefyd yn hoff iawn o gerddoriaeth Gymraeg. Ei hoff gan ar hyn o bryd yw Sebona Fi gan YWS Gwynedd. Mae Snups yn ddiolchgar iawn am y cymorth o'r gwersi DJ yn yr ysgol ac wedi dweud "Mae'r clwb gwir wedi fy helpu i ddysgu sut i ddefnyddio'r decs yn effeithiol, a magu hyder gan chwarae o'r flaen fy ffrindiau."

New DJ star
A pupil from YGG Llangynwyd has made the jump to be a DJ in his spare time, following coaching that he received in one of Menter Bro Ogwr's lunchtime clubs.

Rhys Upton is a pupil in year 10 at the school, but while on the decks he is known as... 'Snups'.

Snups has had four gigs already and has a lot of bookings through Cwm Garw Primary school – the primary

school that he attended as a young child.

Snups' favourite music is anything in the top 40, but he is always searching for the next big hit.

Snups also enjoys some older music. Songs from Neil Diamond and a few by the Backstreet Boys make their way into his set.

Snups enjoys Welsh music also, his favourite song being 'Sebona Fi' by YWS Gwynedd. Snups is very thankful for the support and lessons he has received through the club and said: "The club has really helped. It has taught me how to use the decks effectively, and raise my confidence by playing in front of my friends."

Taith Gerdded Ty Meinwr

AR y 19eg o Fehfin, trefnwyd taith gerdded i oedolion o gwmpas Fferm Tŷ Meinwr a'r brynau cyfagos.

Roedd y taith yn gyfle i ddysgu mwy am brosiect newydd a chyffrous Jamie Bevan a Maret Parker ym Mhontycymer, Cwm Garw.

Fferm 40 erw ar y brynau uwchben pentref Pontycymer yw Tŷ Meinwr. Mae'n gartref i brosiect newydd sy'n arbrofi gyda ffyrdd cynaliadwy o fyw a ffermio sy'n pwysleisio lle'r iaith Gymraeg a diwylliant Cymreig fel rhan o sbectrum llawn cymdeithasol ac amgylcheddol.

Roedd hi'n bwrw hen wragedd a ffyn ar y diwrnod ond serch hymny, daeth 16 o bobl i ymuno â ni ar daith gerdded o gwmpas yr ardal. Braf oedd gweld wynebâu hen a newydd a chafwyd taith ddymunol a diddorol er gwaetha'r tywydd diflas.

Dechreuodd y taith ym maes parcio'r Co-op. Twysodd Jamie'r grŵp i fyny'r lwybr cymunedol tuag at Barc Calon Lân Blaengarw ac ar draws i hen safle Pwll Glo 'The

Ocean'. Cerddon ni lan at y llynnoedd ac ar hyd y mynydd cyn disgyn lawr i Fferm Tŷ Meinwr. Roedd pawb yn wylb sops erbyn diwedd y daith ac yn falch o gael paned twym a rhannu picnic o dan do mas o'r glaw.

Mae Cwm Garw yn ardal hardd iawn ac roedd yn hyfryd cael crwydro'r ardal a dysgu mwy am ei hanes, pobl a chynlluniau Jamie a Maret yn Nhŷ Meinwr. Diolch yn fawr iawn am y croeso cynnes ac edrychwn ymlaen at weithio mwy gyda Thŷ Meinwr yn y dyfodol agos.

Os hoffech chi ddysgu mwy am y prosiect, ewch i: www.tymeinwr.cymru.

Ty Meinwr guided walk

ON June 19, we organised a guided walk around Tŷ Meinwr Farm and the surrounding hills.

The walk was an opportunity to learn more about Jamie Bevan and Maret Parker's new and exciting project in Pontycymer, Garw Valley.

Tŷ Meinwr is a 40-acre farm in the hills above the village of Pontycymer. It is home to a new project exploring sustainable ways of living and farming that values the Welsh language and culture, as part of the full spectrum of social and environmental sustainability.

Although it was raining cats and dogs on the day, 16 people braved the weather and joined us on our walk of the area. It was lovely to see some new faces as well as old, and despite the bad weather, a pleasant and interesting walk was had.

The walk began in the Co-op car park. Jamie led the group up the path towards the Calon Lân Park and across to the old Ocean Colliery site.

We walked up to the lakes and along the mountain before dropping down into Tŷ Meinwr Farm. Everyone was soaked by the end of our walk and very pleased to have a warm cuppa and to share a picnic out of the rain.

The Garw Valley is very beautiful and it was lovely to have the opportunity to roam the area and learn more about its history, people and Jamie and Maret's plans for Tŷ Meinwr.

Thank you very much for the warm welcome and we look forward to working again with Tŷ Meinwr in the near future.

If you would like to learn more about the project, go to: www.tymeinwr.cymru.



Llamau named 'charity of the year'



Simon Jehu and Nicola Pamplin of Llamau entertain guests.

ONE of Wales' largest property construction companies named Llamau as its charity of the year.

The family firm, Jehu Group, raised £2,955.85 for Wales' homeless as part of the company's commitment to supporting local communities and charities at a fundraising band night and auction at Rafter's Bar in Bridgend.

Guests took part in an auction and raffle, with prizes donated by Bierkeller, Keyline, NTJ, Jewson, Park Plaza and Swansea City AFC.

Simon Jehu, managing director at the firm, said: "We have an obligation to give back, and contributing to the communities in which we build has always been a key philosophy for us. With Llamau we show our support Wales wide."

Fete week is here again

COLWINSTON Fete Week opened on Sunday, June 26, with a service in St Michael's Church.

The theme of the week is 'Rio' and many of the village organisations – including the WI, the community council, the village hall committee, cricket club and PCC – read lessons and poems in between the hymns, all chosen to reflect village life, Rio and the fete.

There was three-club

golf on Monday evening

and a walking treasure

hunt around the village

on Tuesday. A car

treasure hunt was held

on Wednesday and we

think everyone made it

back!

Thursday evening is

'Poems and Pints' in the

Sycamore Tree and then

the fete starts on

Saturday, July 2 with the

carnival procession from

Yew Tree Close at 1pm.

Hopefully, the weather

will be kind to us this

year. KJ

AM pays tribute to festival organisers

CAROLINE JONES, recently-elected Assembly member for South Wales West, has praised the organisers of the Porthcawl Music and Flower Festival, held at All Saints Church.

"It was a fantastic event. The musical entertainment was superb and the floral arrangements were magnificent. Porthcawl Town Council and the organising committee did an excellent job," said Ms Jones.

She added: "I was delighted to be able to support the mayor's charities and thoroughly enjoyed spending much of the day at the festival."

Euro 2016 final: Wales v England!



THE Rhondda Symphony Orchestra is basing its forthcoming Porthcawl concert on July 9 on music purely from Welsh and English composers.

The orchestra is planning to ask the audience to complete 'composers-ratings' out of 10 after each piece to determine the eventual winner on points.

An experienced line-up for England will include Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Arnold and Britten, while Wales field a younger, mixed team of Alun Hoddinott, William Mathias and Grace

Williams. Some of the more patriotic numbers include *Welsh Dances Suite* and *Fantasia on Welsh Nursery Tunes*, while the Vaughan Williams *Tuba Concerto* will be performed by last year's Young Musician of the Valleys winner Peter Greenwood.

The concert takes place on the eve of the Euro 2016 final, July 9 at 7.30pm in All Saints' Church, Porthcawl.

Tickets £10 on the door (under 18s free), search *Rhondda Symphony*, or call 01443 650412.

Marbles won, not lost, in town's exhibition



Richard Bowdidge and Jan Hoskins are pictured with the judge of the day, Graham Anderson.

THE winners of the Porthcawl summer exhibition were:

1st. Richard Bowdidge: 'Barn Owl'.

2nd. Marilyn John: 'Three Circling Carp'.

3rd. Jan Hoskins: 'I Spy'.

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A summit
meeting for
Cadoxton WI

ON June 7, nine intrepid members dusted off their crampons and high-altitude gear to tackle the south face of Gnoll Park, Neath – the choice of this year's GFWI Treasure Trail.

Base camp was reached by lunch, and after a suitable recovery period only four members continued the assault upwards. The reward – for these four ladies who went above and beyond – was second place. Atta girls!

Our speaker on June 20 was Nona Hexter, who explained about all things Age Connect, an organisation providing help from nail cutting to cancer support, and advocacy to hospital

discharge. It also has a 'free service' shop in Holton Road, Barry opening Monday to Friday in the mornings. We are very lucky to have such a comprehensive choice for the older generation. The winners of this month's raffle were June and Sharon.

Next month's speaker is Tony Pugh on the Abergavenny Canal, a trip we are doing later that month.

We meet at Victoria Park Community Centre Cadoxton July 18 at 7pm. New members are very welcome.

For more information call Chris 01446 404891.

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Schedules
available for
Dinas Powys
village show

THE schedules for this very popular annual event on Saturday, September 3 are now available.

Please visit the organisations detailed and collect yours: Dinas Powys Council Office, Britway Road; the library at Fair Oaks, DP; Nisalocal Store, and TH Jones Ltd., Chemists, both at Cardiff Road, DP; Penarth Library; Valley View Fruit Stores, DP; Brynawel Fuschia and Garden Centre, Sully Road; White Gecko Craft Lounge, Camms Corner, DP as well as The Wild Blackberry Delicatessen, Elmgrove Road, DP.

There are more than 110 classes for all ages from three to whatever! so why not pick up a schedule and see what's on offer for you to enter?

The show also has many attractions on the day and full details will be published later on.

Any enquiries can be made from Val Hartrey on 2051 3274 or valhartrey@talktalk.net.

VAL HARTREY

Strawberries and trad jazz for local Voluntary Concern



Georgia Jazz Quartet.

DINAS Powys Voluntary Concern is holding its annual Strawberry Tea in the Lee Hall and Gardens, Britway Road, Dinas Powys, at 2pm on Wednesday, July 13.

This event has become a red-letter day in the social calendar in Dinas Powys and a great afternoon out for everyone. It is an example of the way in which the residents and organisations in this village work together for the benefit of the whole community.

Members of Dinas Powys WI are donating and serving a wonderful range of cakes; tea and coffee will be available, as will delicious strawberries donated by Huw Evans of NisaLocal on Cardiff Road.

The Georgia Jazz Quartet is playing trad jazz all afternoon so come along for a great foot-tapping afternoon out!

Tickets are £5 and are available in advance from the Parish Hall in Dinas Powys or from Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys or telephone 029 2051 3700.

C FRANKS

Good news in Vale



Graham Ellis of Gideon International (third from left, above) with Coun Egan and other mayors in the Vale.

THE Mayor of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan, recently welcomed Gideon International representative Graham Ellis to the mayor's parlour. An annual event, Mr Ellis

was very pleased to return to the parlour to present a Gideon Bible to Coun Egan and the mayors of Llantwit Major, Barry and Cowbridge, who thanked Mr Ellis.

Plaudits for homework club

THE Vale Homework Club at Stewart Road Community Centre in Rhoose, run by volunteers and led by award-winning adult learner Cath Watkins, is making

a huge difference to children and young people.

That was Jane Hutt's AM's view when she visited the Sunday afternoon 'drop-in' maths session to meet parent volunteers and young people attending

the club, which is supported by the Vale Youth Service.

She has been a long-term supporter of the homework club, which has recently been registered as a charity.

The AM said: "We are very fortunate to have such an inspiring initiative based in Rhoose, making such a difference to the educational prospects of children and young people in the Vale."

"The voluntary commitment of parents who are successful adult learners themselves is fantastic, as we celebrate Adult Learners Week. Congratulations again to Cath Watkins and her volunteers!"

Art workshop

THE Knap Community Action Group is presenting a free drawing and painting workshop on Sunday, July 3.

The workshop, from 10am – 1pm at The Knap lake and gardens, Barry will be free to join.

Some materials will be provided, but artists of all levels are requested to bring their pencils, pads and paints, and join professional artist Glyn Pooley for a friendly tutored painting class.

The group will meet under the marquee at the bridge end of the park, and if you would like further information email glyn@glynpooley.com or call 07854 375891.

Lee gears up for cycling challenge

A BEREAVED dad will be tackling Tŷ Hafan's popular Taff Trail Cycle Challenge to support the charity that helped him and his family when his baby son died.

When Lee Morgan and his partner, Lucy Froley, took their eight-week-old son Ezra to the doctor with a chest infection, they never thought that a fortnight later they would be saying their final goodbyes to their son.

Ezra was taken to the University Hospital of Wales, where he was put on a life-support machine. He was diagnosed with SMA Type 1, a rare genetic muscular condition, and was referred to Tŷ Hafan shortly after.

Lucy said: "Ezra survived 24 hours after being taken off the ventilator. In those 24



hours, Tŷ Hafan made so many memories happen for us – hand and foot prints of Ezra and his two-year-old sister, and fingerprints on little butterflies.

"Before Ezra passed away on March 6, we had the most fabulous and magical day anyone in our circumstances could dream of. All thanks to Tŷ Hafan."

Lee, from Bridgend, is now taking on Tŷ Hafan's Taff Trail Cycle challenge on Sunday,

September 4 as a way to show his appreciation for the charity that continues to support his family.

He said: "I decided to sign up for the Taff Trail Challenge to give something back to Tŷ Hafan and to help other families who need their support. I didn't know about the charity until we had Ezra. It's not something you expect to happen, but I'm so glad we had Tŷ Hafan's support."

Named the 'Ez Racers', Lee will be completing the 79 kilometre challenge from Brecon to Cardiff with three of his friends.

Lee said: "It has been great to get to know some of the other dads. We always have a laugh and it's good to spend time with people going through something similar."

To sign up or to find out about volunteering opportunities visit www.tyhafan.org.

Local writer releases work on 'Glamorgan's Greatest Generation'

"IT'S now 70 years since the end of the Second World War, and those who lived through those momentous years are getting fewer in number each year," said Porthcawl author Malcolm Cowper, "so I decided to try to capture their memories before it was too late."

Mr Cowper interviewed some 40 people in the former Glamorgan county, and talked to men who served in the front line, women who laboured in the factories producing vital weapons of war, and children with memories of evacuation, gas masks, and nights spent in air raid shelters. There are

recollections of a man who survived the horrors of a Japanese prison camp; women who did dangerous work of manufacturing bombs at the Bridgend Arsenal; and of a young boy in the Swansea blitz, wearing only his underpants and carrying his younger brother on his back, running for shelter as bombs rained down.

"Talking to the war veterans was fascinating," said Malcolm.

"I came to realise what an extraordinary generation they were, and how much we owe them for their fortitude and resilience in the face of one of the most barbaric and ruthless enemies this country has ever had to face. God knows how awful our lives would be today if

we had lost that war."

Glamorgan's Greatest Generation is a collection of stories of ordinary people living through extraordinary times, capturing the comradeship, humour and sense of duty that carried them through fear, loss and sacrifice.

He was born in Bridgwater, Somerset in 1946, and the following year moved with his family to South Wales. He grew up in Southerndown, Bridgend and Porthcawl.

Glamorgan's Greatest Generation is published by Rowanvale Books.

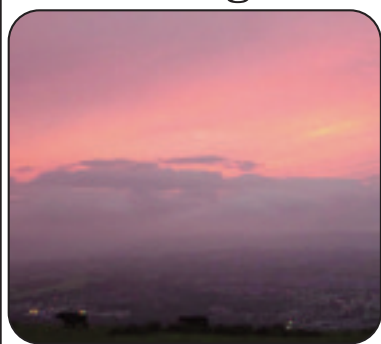
Royals celebrate Wales past and present

THE Duchess of Cornwall will visit Bridgend in July as part of a week-long roster of events for her and the Prince of Wales.

The Duchess, who is patron of homeless charity Emmaus UK, will open Emmaus South Wales, the organisation's first residential community in the county.

Other events include the Prince officially opening Swansea University's new Bay Campus, and the Duchess visiting the Norwegian Church Arts Centre in Cardiff, as part of the 'Roald Dahl 100' celebrations.

The Solstice – U3A walkers at large!



THIS year's summer solstice coincided with the full moon for the first time in nearly 50 years, and it won't do so again until 2062.

It was therefore an evening when all sorts of weird creatures were at large – werewolves, fairies, hobgoblins and Cowbridge U3A walkers.

The weather had been foul that morning, but all credit to the Met Office, which was spot on with its prediction of a fine evening.

Seven of us gathered for dinner at the Ty Nant in Morgantown before driving up to the hilltop village of Pentrech, where we met five more of our members, to walk up to the summit – at just over 1,000 feet – of The Garth, in time for sunset at 9.33pm. We were there enjoying its

fabulous 360° view well before sundown, and in good time to imbibe the two bottles of fizz we'd brought with us to toast the summer sun. (Yes, we've been drinking in a public place again.)

As the sun was hidden behind clouds, we didn't actually see it 'sink' into the horizon, but we did shortly afterwards see an ever-changing blood-red sky spanning over 180°, with mist rising on the countryside below, and a huge amber moon rising over Cardiff. It was quite spectacular, and made all our efforts worthwhile.

Our walk was just over three miles in its entirety. It was about 10.45pm by the time we got back to our cars with bats flying over us, but with the full moon having emerged again from behind clouds, it wasn't really dark.

VEM

Christening celebration at church

SAINT David's Methodist Church on The Colcot, Barry, would like to invite all those whose children have been christened in the past few years to a special service.

This 'Celebration of Christening' takes place this Sunday, July 3, at 3pm.

The minister and baptism stewards have visited or posted invitations to all those families who have had a child christened in the past four years, and anyone who has been christened in previous years is warmly

welcome. During the service, the names of all those baptised in recent years will be read out in the prayers. Rev Peter Taylor explained.

"You are welcome to bring your child's baptism candle, and why not bring a photo of your child's christening to share on a display in the church?"

"After the short service, there will be an opportunity to take pictures, share memories and enjoy some refreshments."

For more information, contact 01446 406262, or revpete@live.co.uk.

PT

Belle Vue's loss on road at Ely

BELLE VUE took on Ely BC at Fairwater on Saturday, June 18 in a Cardiff League match.

Belle Vue lost 55-96 to Ely, one rink winning and three losing, giving 12 points to Ely and 2 points to Belle Vue.

Rink one lost 13-29. Lead was Frank Keen, no 2 was Gordon Ford, no 3 Graham Duggan and the skip was Paul Paterson.

Rink two won with only three players 19-15. Lead was Dave Smith, no 3 was Dave Miller and skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink three went down 32-12 after starting off with a big lead. However, after the break they could only manage one shot. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, no 2 was Dave Rappitt, no 3 was Richard Brant playing in a new position. The skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink four went down 11-20. The lead was Gerry Field, no 2 was Paul Booth, no 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

MUNRO CUP

Belle Vue against Cowbridge BC was played at Belle Vue in the Munro Cup on Wednesday, June 22.

On a cloudy, clammy evening at Belle Vue, the home team posted a big win with only 14 players, three rinks won and one had a draw. Belle Vue 13, Cowbridge 1 point.

The final score was Belle Vue 82 shots to Cowbridge's 38.

Belle Vue is a very friendly club and welcome any new members. **FK**

Griffett stars for Athletic in win

ON Saturday Barry Athletic first XI entertained Malpas in a top of the table class at the Athletic Ground.

They lost the toss and were asked to bat on a cloudy, overcast and sometimes drizzly afternoon with the game not starting until 1.40pm and reduced to 40 overs per side.

Barry posted 118 in their innings with Nathan Baker (41), Jake Griffett (16), Gavin White (12) and Rhett Jones (10) being the only ones to reach double figures, with Lewis Morgan taking 5 for 19 for Malpas.

In reply Malpas got off to a flyer and had 35 on the board in no time, before Peter Hellyar took two wickets in three

WHEN the 2016 fixture list was printed, members noted the dates of matches against our near neighbours, Llantwit Major.

These matches are always keenly contested. Results, historically, favour the home team and this was the case last

week when both ladies and the men's teams played Llantwit in league games.

First up were the ladies at home which Cowbridge won with conviction.

Kay Edwards and her team were outstanding, winning by 24 shots to 6. Kay was supported by Dorothy Pritchard, Maggie Penn and Lynda Wilson.

Other rink scores were: Lin Wallace, Corrie Bufton, Jan Lewis and Joan Bradley 20-14; Sian Lewis, May Jones, Sylvia Hole and Shirley Wilkinson 17-11. There will be a return match in August.

The men travelled to Llantwit for their league match last Saturday. The match

was played on a good grass green but Cowbridge were comprehensively beaten on all four rinks.

Rink scores: Terry Dunsworth, Bryan Hole, Guy Morton and Norman Wilkinson 12-39; Mansel Davey, Len Taylor, Tony Lewis and Bob Penn 12-38; Charles Sanders, John Jones, John Trott and Roger Barwick 10-23;

Ron Frayling, Rob Lewis, Clive Pritchard and Alan Wallace 15-21. There will be a return match also in August.

The ladies and men played earlier away games in the week on greens heavy following overnight rain.

The ladies lost in a two rink evening league game at Fairwater, while

the men lost to Belle Vue Penarth in a Munro Cup game but did manage to pick up one point, drawing 15-15 on Alan Wallace's rink. Alan was supported by Gerry Lloyd, Bryan Hole and John Trott.

Finally, the men's team played in a knockout competition on Sunday for the Alun Martin Cup; the match played on two rinks was at home to Barry Central.

Cowbridge overwhelmed the Barry team to go into the next round. As I finish this report, I have just heard that the prize for winning is that Cowbridge will meet Llanwit at home in the next round!

PHIL JONES

Cowbridge bowlers battle neighbours

The A team slip to defeat

LAST Thursday Llantwit Major bowls A team travelled to Nantymoel to play Wyndham in the Rockwool Triples league.

Mike Harmon's rink of Ian Williamson and John Ball took an early lead being 4-0 after the fourth end. Wyndham took most of the remaining 14 ends and the final score was 9-17.

John Nixon's rink of Glyn Fox and John O'Brien had no luck and went down 6-20. Eric Sparkes' rink of Richard Bayliss and Cen Williams had a close game but lost 11-14.

Kyle Garrison's rink of Ken Williams and John O'Brien played a close game, finishing strongly to win 21-16, the overall match score 62-87.

We are still struggling to field teams so please make every effort to put your names down to play

in the summer rain and we were treated to a parachute display as part of Armed Forces Day being held that day.

Graham Merchant's rink of John Moison, debutee Danny Morgan and Dave Post were ahead 16-9 after 11 ends but Caerphilly came back strongly over the remaining 10 to win by 10 shots, 18-28.

Mike Harmon's rink of Ian Williamson, Dave Thomas and John Ball also lost by 10 shots, going down 10-20. Amazingly Kyle Garrison's rink of Paul Brown, Ambrose Horgan and Pat Twomey also lost by 10 shots, 13-23.

John Nixon's rink of Cen Williams, Ken Williams and John O'Brien played a close game, finishing strongly to win 21-16, the overall match score 62-87.

Last Saturday saw us visiting Caerphilly Social, and the early part of the game was played

Sports start training

TRAINING is about to start for the 2016/17 term for Sully Sports RFC.

Coaches Chris and Barry will start (gentle) pre-season training on Tuesday, July 5, commencing at 6.30pm at the Sully Grounds.

Our next reunion, which will be a BBQ at the Sully Club, on Friday, September 9, starting at 7.30pm. Any Sully Sports RFC players/members will be most welcome.

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Barry bowlers continue their unbeaten run

Barry Romilly Bowls Club first team continued their unbeaten start to the season with another success at home to Gilfach Bargod in Division One of the CML.

The A team had a very good win away to Rumney (Cardiff) to keep up their promising start to the season, while Romilly's midweek Munro Cup side remain unbeaten after a resounding win over Sully.

ROMILLY V GILFACH

Barry Romilly Club side welcomed Gilfach Bargod to Romilly Park on Saturday.

Gilfach, who have been one of the top teams for many years, have had a poor start to the season but they are not a side to take for granted as they have a number of top class players.

The game began with the 'Rom' taking full advantage of home knowledge of the green, and they raced into a 17 shot lead by the fifth end, leading 32-15.

With the green playing 'heavy' as normal, the opponents were finding their weight difficult which allowed Romilly players to take full advantage going further ahead by the 10th end, 59-28.

Two Romilly rinks in particular, namely those skipped by Mike Doyle and Brian Foscolo, were giving their opponents a torrid time, leading by 13 and 18 shots respectively.

As the game progressed Romilly remained in charge but Gilfach, after being 31 shots down, were clawing their way back reducing the deficit by the 15th end to 17 shots.

Over the last six ends the rinks of Doyle and Foscolo's continued their dominance, winning by 10 and 20 shots respectively, while the rinks of Jeff Wright and Fred Phillips, who were having close games against strong opponents, finally succumbed by four and three shots respectively.

The game ended in a 23 shot victory for the 'Rom', gaining 10 points to Gilfach's two.

FP

Sam gets a Wales basketball call-up

A former University of Worcester student will join the Wales national squad for a major tournament this month.

Sam Roberts, of the Vale, who has just finished his degree, is among three former University students selected for the Wales Senior Men's Basketball team.

They will compete at the FIBA (International Basketball Federation) European Championship for Small Countries from Tuesday, June 28.

Sam plays in the guard position, and has just finished a three year course in sports studies and this will be his first

game in the men's side. The 20-year-old has played basketball since he was 14 and first played at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

He developed his skills through a scheme at Cardiff Metropolitan University and went on to play for the Vale Vipers under-18s squad, a national league side in Cardiff.

Alongside his studies, he played in the university's second team in the British Universities and College Sport (BUCS) league and the Worcester Wolves national league division two side.

He has played in the under-16 and under-18 Welsh teams and is one of only two that has

progressed from the original under 16 squad.

"I thought I had a good chance in the way I was playing," said Sam. "I was kind of shocked that I was in but really happy."

ES

Barry RFC lottery draw LAST week's numbers were 2, 12, 16 and 22, which produced no winners - this week's jackpot will be £2,200.

AJ

Dinas Powys make an appeal for sponsors to step forward



The ladies recently took part in a local tournament in Barry.

Managing to field two seven-a-side teams, the girls were brilliant. The team has grown in strength and depth in the past three months following on from a successful finish to the season.

The team spirit and bond between the girls is a credit to them.

Pre-season starts end of July and

training throughout the winter is twice a week on Monday and Thursday evenings, new and old players welcome.

As we go into next season, the team is looking for sponsors for the squad, and individual players. To contact the team, email: lcf123@hotmail.co.uk.

LS

ABOVE: Dinas Powys ladies.

Captain's ball for tennis club

ON Saturday evening, June 25, Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis club held its annual captain's ball at the Dinas Powys Golf Club.

In previous years the golf club has had a marquee. Last winter they totally refurbished the clubhouse and they now have a new magnificent function room, so this year members and guests enjoyed this fabulously refurbished function room for an evening of superb food prepared by their chef, wonderful entertainment and, of course, wonderful company.

The dancing continued late into the night to live music provided by 'Charlie's Marvels'. The band proved very popular last year and were invited back for this year's event.

The club captains,

Shirley Howman and Mark Jones, would like to thank all those club members and local businesses who so generously donated raffle prizes: Alex Easton, Bank of Flowers, The Business Hair Salon, La Dolce Vita, Jane Blasizza, Rob Walbyoff (club coach), 'The Red Wine Club', Paul Arcos, Nan Thomas and Mark Griffith, family butcher.

Thanks also go to Rhys Meddins and Sophie Thomas (junior captains) and Isaac Follon and Amelia Davidson for selling raffle tickets on the night, also to Guy Chapman who gave so much of his time organising the floral table decorations and Nigel Williams, who helped decorate the room on Saturday afternoon.

As ever, the tennis club members made this a very enjoyable and memorable evening so thank you all! NW

Belle Vue Penarth in weekend wins

BELLE VUE had two good wins last weekend.

On Saturday, we beat Ynysywl B.C. in the Cardiff League and on Sunday we defeated Cadoxton B.C. in the Alun Martin's Trophy.

Saturday's game was won 80 shots to 65.

Rink one lost in a very close game. It went to the last end but the opposition took it 24 - 21. It was the last shot of the rink that did it.

Lead was Frank Keen, No2 Graham Duggan, No3 was Paul Paterson and skip was Len Fowler.

Rink two won by 19 - 12. Again with only three players, it was another good win for them.

Lead was Dave Smith, No3 was Dave Miller and skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink three also lost in another close game 19 - 17. That also went to the last end.

Lead was Gerry Field, No2 was

Paul Booth, No3 was Barrie Bagwell and skip was Dave Purser.

Rink four had a very good win 23 - 10. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, No2 was Richard Brant, No3 was Alan Thomas and the skip was Trevor Ford.

A big thank you to Malcolm Thomas for the food and to his back room boys for helping out.

On Sunday, we had a two rink match in the Alun Martin's Trophy. Both rinks won against Cadoxton.

Rink one won 20 - 16. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, No2 was Graham Duggan, No3 was Frank Keen and skip was Len Fowler.

Rink two won 16 - 15 in a close encounter.

Lead was Gerry Field, No2 Paul Booth, No3 Dave Miller and skip was captain Malcolm Thomas

The win means Belle Vue will meet Penarth B.C. in the next round. It should be a good local derby!

FK

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for June 27:

1st Mike Best & Kevin Maddox 59.38%, 2nd Vida Halford & Glyn Williams 57.64%, 3rd= Graham Norris & Barrie Waite and Glenda Roberts & Liam Sheridan, both with 57.29%.

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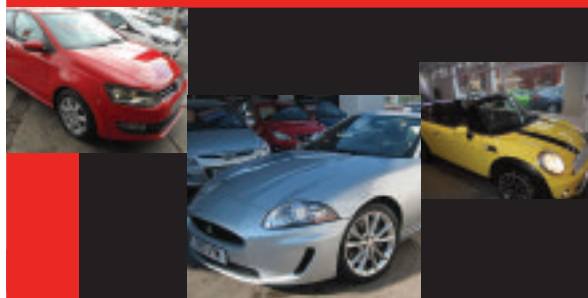
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BLISTERING ALL BLACKS WHITEWASH WEARY WALES – AND WIDEN THE GAP

by DON JOHN

SIX years ago, Wales began their ill-fated summer tour of New Zealand with a comprehensive 42-9 defeat at the Forsyth Barr stadium, in Dunedin, where on Saturday, they suffered an even more emphatic 46-6 mauling in the third and final test before heading wearily home.

It was a dispiriting end to a 2016 summer tour that had begun in high hopes.

With the world champions in the process of rebuilding their team, the 33rd clash between the two countries since 1905 was seen as a real opportunity for Wales, who had triumphed only three times – the last occasion being all of 63 years ago in Cardiff.

This was swiftly disabused in the first test reality check at Auckland (39-21); underlined in the second test at Wellington (36-22); and finally extinguished in Dunedin's one-sided contest.

Add to this, the midweek 40-7 loss to the Chiefs at Hamilton – and the final tour tally made grim reading for the newly re-appointed Welsh coaches to digest on the long flight home.

True, the entire squad could not be faulted for showing characteristic bravery, tenacity, and wholehearted endeavour in adversity, but there is no escaping the cold tour statistics:

Played 4, lost 4:

Points for, 56. Points against, 161.

Not that it was all gloom and doom, for there were hugely encouraging passages in all three tests when the Welsh players showed glimpses of just what they are capable of when given a freer rein to express themselves (exemplified by the individual brilliance of fullback/wing Liam Williams, who enhanced his growing reputation on tour).

Nevertheless, the relentless display of power,

pace and clinical execution by a much-changed All Blacks squad, was yet another telling illustration of their unrivalled strength in depth. It ultimately proved too much for brave but totally-drained Welsh players, at the end of a long, hard season, who had given their all.

Once again, the gap in class had proved too wide. As skipper Sam Warburton stated afterwards: "We were definitely second best".

It must have been a sobering admission after their second test heroics, when a resilient Wales had tested the world champs to the end, scoring two late tries and looking the stronger as the hooter sounded; prompting both Warburton and head coach Warren Gatland to insist: "At this level, it's all about small margins... We don't think we are too far away..."

On the evidence of the Dunedin mismatch

alone, that may require a rethink, if the Welsh camp is truly to "learn lessons" from an arduous end of season tour that some had argued was ill-timed.

Perhaps an obvious lesson, among others, is not to persistently squander hard-won possession with wayward kicking into deep space and inviting the inevitable rapid response from the world's most lethal counter-attacking side – a flurry of tries on the scoreboard. The embattled tourists

were far more effective with ball in hand, as Liam Williams, for one, demonstrated, even though they were frustrated by errors and poor execution as they strove to adapt to a more expansive style of play than the more familiar offensive-defence.

Just as in the second test, Wales had begun brightly – forcing two penalties landed by outside half Dan Biggar in the first quarter – which, unfortunately, turned out to be the sum total of Welsh scoring that day.

These sandwiched a successful kick by his mercurial opposite number Beauden Barrett (who would go on to amass 26 points with two tries, five conversions of his team's six tries, and two penalties).

Overall, though, it proved a game too far for a brave Welsh team who in the end were found wanting – as it was in fact New Zealand who

had "learnt lessons" about their opponents' revised style of play and ruthlessly put them to the sword, to record their 29th successive victory over Wales stretching back to Coronation year 1953.

The overall points record between the two now reads:

New Zealand 1,037pts, Wales 356 pts.

Before the tour, Gatland said it would provide the perfect opportunity to "see where we are".

After this latest 'Blackwash' – in stark contrast to England's historic three-test whitewash of Australia – the camp know how much ground to make up if they are to bridge the gap, before Wales again lock horns with the southern hemisphere in the autumn.

Barry water activity centre launches a 'patrons scheme'



Images by PD Murphy Photography.

BARRY Community Water Activity Centre (BCWAC) launched its 'patrons scheme' at its inaugural fundraising dinner on June 18.

Guests were welcomed by BCWAC chair Chris Basten, who described the work so far to create a watersports centre on the Mole in Barry Waterfront.

Mr Basten reported on the success to date, which has resulted in thousands of youngsters getting afloat and more user groups joining than anticipated in such a short time.

Mr Basten asked guests for their support in fundraising towards creating a permanent building within the next five years that will cater for even larger numbers of users, and to reunite

Barry with its heritage for future generations.

During the meal, the architect's plan of the new building was projected onto the sails of a Mirror dinghy that had been installed in the hall for the evening, and guests viewed a superb aerial video, filmed from a drone.

Local Barry man John Haskell of Atlantic Dash entertained guests with an after-dinner presentation of how he and friend Jamie rowed the Atlantic in 45 days. Mr Haskell then outlined his next intrepid adventure, which is to kayak down the Amazon.

Barry Round Table chairman Dave Beadle then presented a cheque for £120 to chairman Mr Basten, to become a patron of BCWAC.

For further information, visit www.barrycwc.org.uk

On and Off The Turf

LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams, aged 18, riding the top weighted In On The Act, took third place in the Lady Amateur Riders Handicap Hurdle at Newton Abbot last Wednesday.

First past the post by one-and-a-half lengths was Walter White the 5-1 favourite, ridden by Natalie Parker, with Ice Comig a further one-and-a-half lengths away in second place.

Isabel, who won a point-to-point on her father's Tenant Farmer at the Gelligaer Farmers Point-To-Point last month, has also been placed in a couple of races on the flat and the odds are that she should soon be booting home a winner under Rules.

At Worcester 24 hours later, her father Evan Williams saddled Mr Kit Cat winner of the Novices' Hurdle.

Ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, six-year-old Mr Kit Kat,

a winner of his previous race, won by one-and-a-half-lengths from Alcock And Brown and was returned the 7-4 favourite.

BLAST FROM THE PAST - 1984 Champion point-to-point rider John Llewellyn, of Cowbridge, only had one ride at the Pembrokehire Hunt Steeplechases on Saturday – and it resulted in a dead heat.

He was riding Prudence Adams' Kate's Sister in the maiden race to what looked a certain win a few yards from the post.

But the champion was caught on the line by the fast finishing Kilpeck, partnered by Carl Llewellyn, who is no relation.

The members' race was won by Chica's Beau, a 33-1 chance, ridden by Bridgend butcher Jonathan Tudor.

Carl went on to win two Grand Nationals, the first on Party Politics in 1992 and the second on Earth Summit in 1998.

BRIAN LEE

HIGH AND LOW FOR LLANTWIT LADIES

LLANTWIT MAJOR ladies had a high and a low this week.

We travelled to Prince of Wales Porthcawl for what we knew would be a tough game – they were 10 points above us in the Cowbridge Shield competition.

What a superb game all our ladies had. P Brown, N Baelz, J Molloy and D Hurley were slow starting but a 6 and a 4 on the 10th and 11th ends put them in a comfortable lead. Porthcawl closed the gap but our ladies won 19-16.

K Johnes, J Fox, M Lewis and M Morgan were 8 down on the 6th end but won the next 17 ends and although Porthcawl scored 3 on the last end Llantwit ladies won 19-12.

Liz Crouch, Mo Andrews, C. Willmot and H Nixon had a

comfortable win, 22-9.

Thursday was a visit to Cowbridge and although losing on all rinks Llantwit ladies played well.

Liz Crouch, M Horgan, H Nixon and Willmot, although only three down on the last end and holding 4, Shirley, the Cowbridge skip, bowled a superb last wood, taking the jack back to 3 of hers for a score of 11-17.

K Johnes, J Fox, M Morgan and M Lewis never mastered the speed of the green and finished with a score of 6-24.

E Gray, P Brown, D Hurley and J Molloy kept the pressure on Cowbridge to the last end. One down on the last end they unfortunately dropped a 5 leaving them with a score of 14-20. Never mind ladies, we will improve for our next visit.

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Tense encounter in Paris... but Wales prosper to set up Belgium quarter-final clash!



"Together, Stronger!"

LEFT: A job well done! Wales celebrate reaching the last eight of Euro 2016, thanks to a 1-0 win over Northern Ireland.

RIGHT: Gareth Bale was closely monitored by a staunch Northern Irish defence.

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by GARETH JAMIESON

IT'S never normally like this. At this stage of a competition, whether it's European Championships or World Cups, Welsh football fans, players and management alike are taking a slight interest in watching football's elite battling out for success, all the while thinking what could have been for our national team.

Of course, this summer hasn't been like any other summer – for the first time in 58 years, we've been able to watch Wales in a major tournament, cheer them from the stands of France, fan zones both home and abroad, pubs, living rooms, wherever there's a television, collecting the stickers, hanging up the wall charts and fixture guides, knowing we're finally a part of it.

It started with just being happy to be there, excited at having finally been allowed to the party after so many years of missing out. Then we went and beat Slovakia and suddenly we started to dream, though at the back of our minds still happy just to be involved: England then went and spoiled the party, but still we remained outwardly defiant, inwardly edgy and cautious, with a result needed against Russia.

That 3-0 win felt like the cork had finally popped, that Wales, for so long the nation on the outside looking in, were now a key member of the international football scene, and that now we'd reached the knockout stages anything was possible.

If last Monday night had been the party properly starting, then Saturday's last-16 clash with Northern Ireland had the feeling of the part of the night where it's time for a second wind, or time to go home.

It was a nervy, edgy encounter between two teams who, having reached this stage of Euro 2016, were now painfully aware that there are no second chances, no opportunities to right wrongs – knockout football, if we didn't already know, can be a

tremendously tense experience.

It was also something of a role-reversal for Wales – no longer the plucky underdogs, enjoying their summer of football, now we were the favourites, the team the majority were expecting to win against a Northern Irish outfit whose strong team ethic and hard work mirrored the strengths of Chris Coleman's team.

What sets the two teams apart is a world-class player in Gareth Bale, whose three goals at the tournament thus far have put him in the running for the golden boot (and also broken Ivor Allchurch's record as the highest Welsh goalscorer at an international tournament).

As the game went on, with Northern Ireland not only looking the better of the teams but also the most likely to get a goal (despite Aaron Ramsey having an effort disallowed for offside), you felt that Bale had something in his locker, some little burst of magic that could prove to be the difference between the two sides – and so it proved.

In a rare moment of finding himself unmarked deep in Northern Irish territory, Bale received a pass from Ramsey on the left flank. Taking a touch, he whipped the ball across the box – only for Gareth McAuley, the Northern Ireland defender, to divert the ball into the back of the net to give Wales the lead.

There was still 15 minutes left for them to get themselves back in the game, but as the game became more and more frantic, cool Welsh heads prevailed and progress to the quarter-finals was assured.

It was a far from vintage performance from Wales, the enormity of the occasion and the well-organised opposition not giving them the time and space to play their usual game, but a result is a result and at this stage of the

competition it's about winning games rather than performing well and coming up empty-handed.

Yet again, Coleman's substitutions proved to have the desired effect. With Hal Robson Kanu having created such an impact in the Slovakia opener, grabbing the winner in that game, he and Jonny Williams' arrival marked an upturn in Welsh fortunes, the former using his physicality against a tiring defence, while the latter's direct running gave a new dimension to Wales, and arguably more space for Bale to operate in.

Attention now turns to Lille on Friday, and a date with a Belgium team who are slowly realising their potential. A tricky encounter lies ahead, but one that Wales will feel quietly confident about.

Having played them four times in the last four years, there is a sense of familiarity, and the Belgians (who will go into this match as favourites) will no doubt be aware that in those four games they have only managed one win, that 2-0 victory coming against a 10-man Welsh team in September 2012.

Since then, there have been draws in Belgium (1-1 and 0-0) and, of course, that famous victory in Cardiff last June when Gareth Bale grabbed the winner that made a country believe in the possibility of qualification for this tournament.

So having believed that anything is possible so far, why not keep on believing this Friday? Providing Ashley Williams' shoulder injury isn't a serious one, it should be a full-strength Welsh side who will be looking to make yet more history and reach the semi-finals of a major tournament for this first time in history.

A nation has been dreaming since we qualified for this tournament last October – why wake up now?

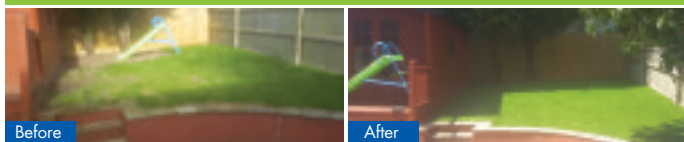
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